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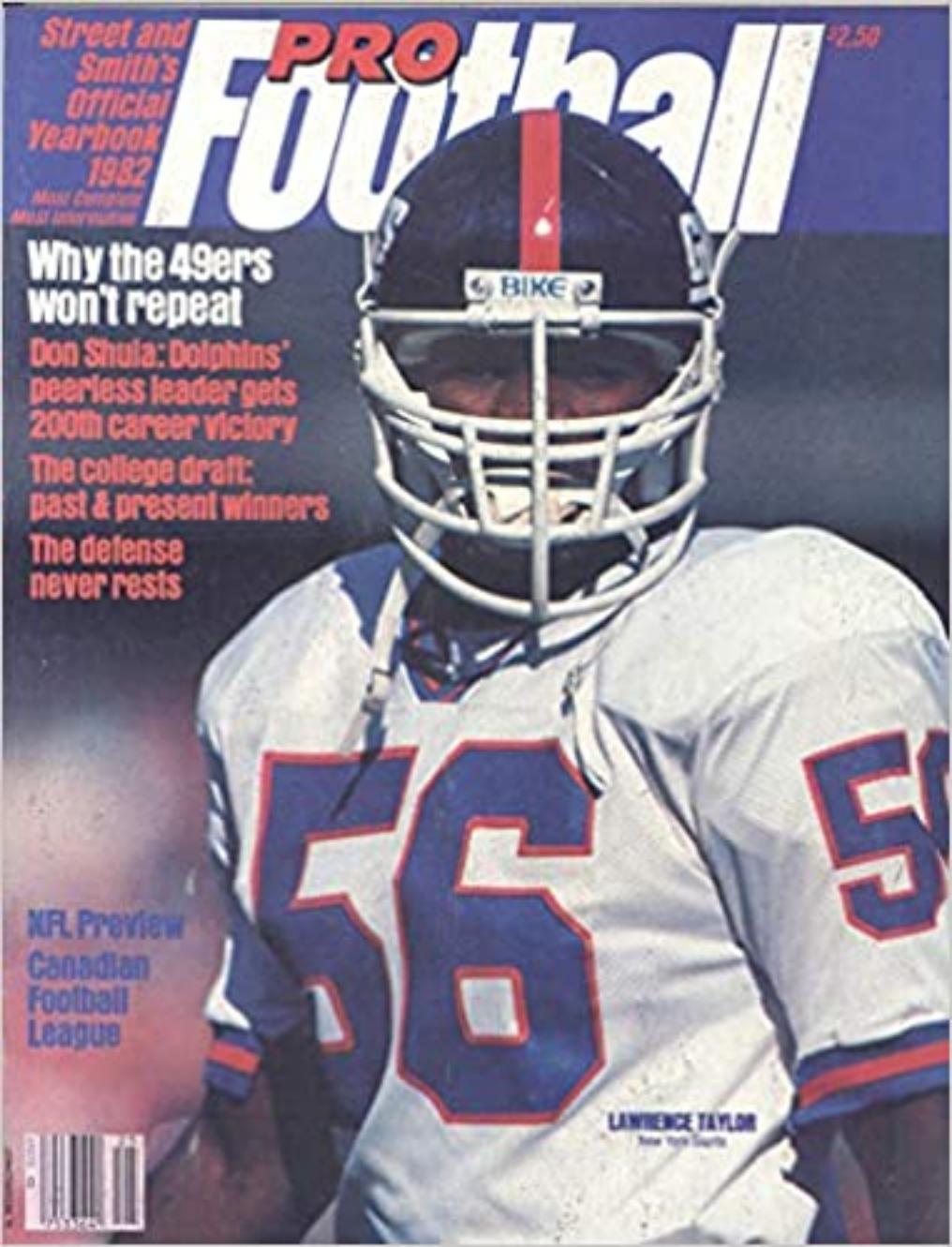

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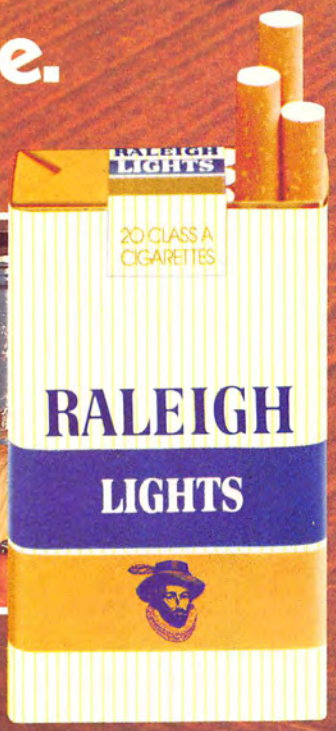

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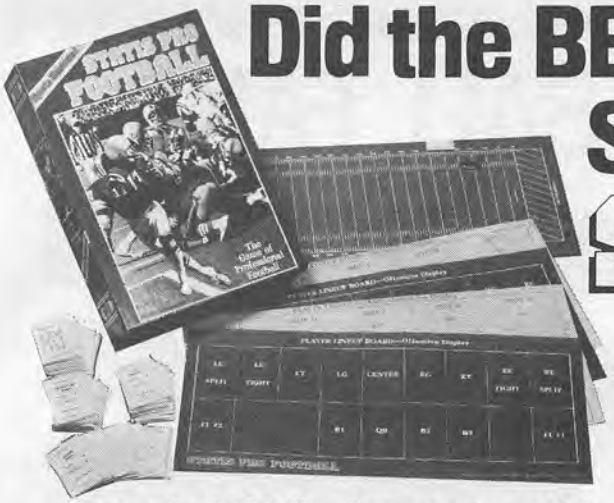

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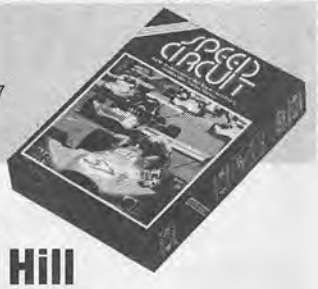

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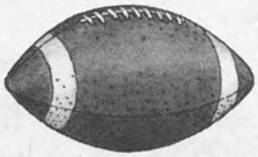
*And as a BONUS circle the 
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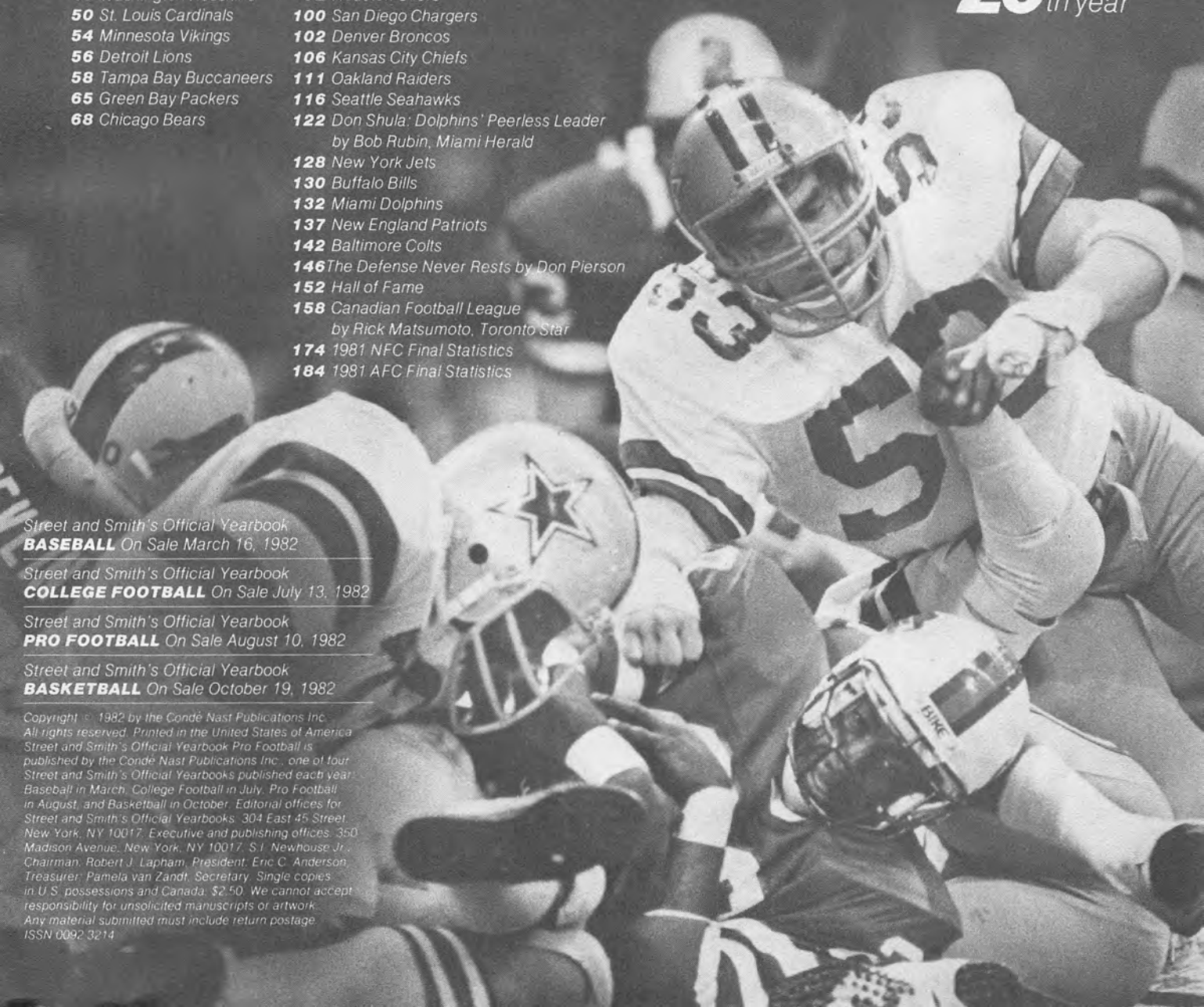

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STRIKING IT RICH IN THE COLLEGE DRAFT

by LARRY FELSER

It was halfway through the second round at draft central in the New York Sheraton and commissioner Pete Rozelle was presenting four tickets to Super Bowl XVII to the draftnik who had guessed the most correct selections in round 1. The draftnik stepped up to the microphone to say a few words when a kibitzer from the balcony suggested, "Let him sit at the Seattle table!"

It was a typical New York wisecrack and it got the desired snickers, but back in the Pacific Northwest, and especially at the Seattle Seahawks' headquarters, there must have been a few shudders. The Seahawks had made the first surprise of the 1982 draft with their selection of Clemson defensive tackle Jeff Bryant. In their own minds, the Seahawks' drafters must have felt their choice was a wise one, but they know that a mistake on the first round of the draft can be like a squandered fortune.

The college draft is, for the majority of the teams in the NFL, the most important day of the year. It is a day not only to count one's chickens before they are hatched, but to insure happiness —or unhappiness—for years to come.

In 1974, the Pittsburgh Steelers were merely an interesting team, one which had brought off the "Miraculous Reception" playoff victory two years before, but a team which was still at least two notches, maybe more, from consideration as a member of the NFL elite.

Draft day 1974, changed all that. After the San Diego Chargers picked Bo Matthews and the New York Giants selected John Hicks, after others who never succeeded in pro football, such as Ed O'Neil, Bill Sandifer, Rick Middleton, Don Goode, Woody Green, Reuben Gant, and Dave Gallagher were drafted, the Steelers chose Southern Cal receiver Lynn Swann.

In the second round, after seven other linebackers had been selected, the Steelers took a tall, skinny, rawboned kid from Kent State named Jack Lambert. Pittsburgh did not have a third-round choice, but in Round 4, after seven other wide receivers had been selected, they took John Stallworth of Alabama A&M. In the fifth round, on the 125th selection of the draft, following the selection of almost four dozen players who never made it in the NFL, the Steelers took center Mike Webster of Wisconsin.

By supper time, the Steelers had assured themselves of a dynasty. In their first five selections, (defensive back Jimmy Allen also was selected in Round 4), Pittsburgh drafted four all-pros, four players who would become the guts of a four-time Super Bowl champion.

"You never know," is what they say on draft day, and, to a degree, that banality is accurate. Of the entire Hall of Fame roster, only two dozen players were first-round draft choices, and even considering that the draft wasn't conceived until 1936, that's not many. Of the 54 players selected No. 1 in the draft—and that takes into consideration the years when the AFL held a separate draft—only three ever made it to the Hall of Fame. The most recent is Chuck Bednarik, the center-linebacker from Penn, drafted in 1949. The others are Georgia halfback Charley Trippi, in 1945, and Virginia halfback Bullet Bill Dudley in 1942.

But for evidence that the draft is, indeed, the way to riches and fame, consult the rosters of last year's eight playoff teams. In just two drafts, those of 1980 and 1981, Bill Walsh, the cerebral, iconoclastic coach of the San Francisco 49ers, assembled the nucleus—for that matter the major portion—of the defense which stifled Cincinnati's comeback attempt in Super Bowl XVI.

In 1980, two linebackers (Keena Turner and Craig Puki) and a defensive end (Jim Stuckey) were drafted in the first three rounds. As a bonus Walsh picked the defenders' friend, a punter (Jim Miller), with an extra pick in Round 3.

In 1981, Walsh selected almost an entire secondary in the first five rounds. Round 1 yielded Ronnie Lott, who returned four interceptions for touchdowns during the regular season and playoffs last year. In Rounds 2 and 3 came Eric Wright and Carlton Williamson. Lott and Wright were the starting cornerbacks last year. Williamson was the starting strong safety. In Round 5, Walsh added Lynn Thomas, another defensive back. It was an important pick. Thomas made the lunging, one-handed tackle of Drew Pearson in the last minute of the National Conference championship game last January, a play which prevented the 49ers' classic 89-yard winning drive from being converted into a memorable anticlimax.

At the Super Bowl, Walsh was asked if he had heard of the adage "For every rookie you play in your defense, you'll lose one game."

"I don't think that applies any more," said Walsh. "I don't think it ever applied."

The Cincinnati Bengals, San Francisco's foe in the Super Bowl, built their team less dramatically, although they did have

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two rookie starters in the lineup, wide receiver Cris Collinsworth and safety Bobby Kemp.

The beginning of the Cincinnati Super Bowl journey was in 1977 and the key ingredients were their extra choices. That year, the Bengals went into the draft with three first-round picks and went two-for-three. The hits were starting defensive end Eddie Edwards and starting nose tackle Wilson Whitley. The miss was tight end Mike Cobb.

With their second-round selection they took Pete Johnson, the huge Ohio State fullback who would put the balance in their Super Bowl offense. With an extra pick in the fourth round they gambled by selecting Georgia offensive tackle Mike Wilson, who already had signed with Toronto of the Canadian League. Eventually Wilson came back across the border to join them.

In 1978, the Bengals had another extra pick in Round 1 and used both of their choices wisely, taking Ross Browner, the Notre Dame defensive end, and University of Washington center Blair Bush, who stepped into the lineup immediately as the successor to their long-time star, Bob Johnson.

They had two first-round picks again in 1979. They picked Jack Thompson, now Ken Anderson's backup quarterback, and LSU running back Charles Alexander, now Johnson's running mate. That draft also yielded starting tight end Dan Ross in Round 3 and another starting offensive lineman, Max Montoya, down in Round 7.

In 1980, the Bengals were down to a normal, single pick in the first round, and they got little more out of that draft. That pick, though, was all-pro offensive tackle Anthony Munoz.

How do the Bengals acquire those extra No. 1's? Usually by astute trading, but once they did it indirectly, by spending just ten cents for a phone call. In 1968, the first year the Bengals were in business, they were willing to try just about any decent player to see if he could fit in. So one of their assistant coaches, a fellow named Bill Walsh (yes, the same Bill Walsh who masterminded the 49ers against them in the Super Bowl last season), called a tight end named Bill Peterson, whom Walsh had coached the year before in minor-league football.

Peterson, converted to linebacker, stayed with the Bengals for five seasons. In 1973, Cincinnati traded him to New England for a fourth-round draft choice. The Bengals used the fourth-round pick to select Stanford quarterback Mike Boryla. But he balked at signing with Cincinnati, so the Bengals traded him to Philadelphia and got a startling price in return, a sixth-round choice in 1976 and a first-round selection in 1976. The Bengals used the extra first-round selection to take Oklahoma wide receiver Billy Brooks, who shone briefly.

The Buffalo Bills haven't had nearly as many multiple-choice drafts as the Bengals, but just one premium pick was enough to springboard them into the playoffs.

When Chuck Knox became coach of the Bills in 1978, one of his first moves was to trade the aging O.J. Simpson to the 49ers. In return, he received five high draft choices, including a first-rounder in 1979 and a second-rounder in 1980.

The Bills did not convert those picks into the all-time bonanzas they might have been. Since the Niners finished last in 1978, their first-round pick in 1979 was the very first of the draft. The Bills used it to take Ohio State linebacker Tom Cousineau, whose case history is now well-known. He spurned the Bills for the Montreal Alouettes of the Canadian Football League, returned to the U.S. this year, and received an offer from the Houston Oilers for $3.5 million over five years. Buffalo, balking at the price, signed and then traded him to Cleveland for three draft choices, including the Browns' 1983 first-rounder.

Buffalo also struck out by choosing defensive lineman Scott Hutchinson and wide receiver Danny Fulton. They recouped somewhat by gambling on sleeper defensive end Ken Johnson of tiny Knoxville College, who became their designated sacker last season.

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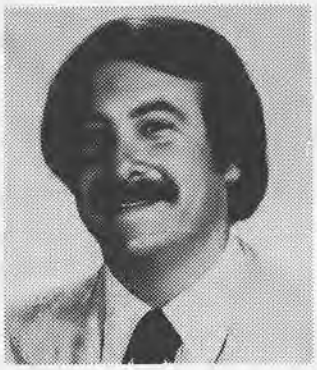

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Sometimes a team can stumble along for years with mediocre drafts, but it can still manage to remain in contention off the fruits of one good season. Pittsburgh hasn't had a productive draft since that landmark year, 1974.

Dallas always seems to get something out of a draft, but 1975 was particularly good for the Cowboys. That was the year they traded quarterback Craig Morton to the Giants for a first-round selection, which they redeemed for Randy White. With their own pick, the 18th of the draft, they took unknown linebacker Thomas Henderson, who was on his way to becoming a major star when personal problems overtook him. In Round 3 they drafted their middle linebacker, Bob Breunig, and with an extra pick in Round 4 they selected Stanford defensive end Pat Donovan, whom they converted to a Pro Bowl offensive tackle. Their own pick in the fourth round brought safety Randy Hughes, and in the seventh they picked linebacker Michael Hegman, now a starter. Way down in Round 13 came a future all-pro guard, Herb Scott. (The draft now ends at the 12th round.)

The 1975 draft was a vintage one for the San Diego Chargers, too. That was the year they picked three-quarters of their ferocious defensive line: tackles Gary Johnson and Louie Kelcher and end Fred Dean (now a 49er). They also picked a starring cornerback, Mike Williams.

But nothing could compare to the great draft of 1965, which some football people say was the best of all time. That was the year the Chicago Bears had three first-round selections and took two Hall of Famers on consecutive selections: Gale Sayers and Dick Butkus. There were 16 players from that one draft who later went on to make all-pro. It was the year the New York Jets drafted Joe Namath, the Cowboys Craig Morton, the Oakland Raiders Fred Biletnikoff, the Baltimore Colts Mike Curtis, and the Green Bay Packers Donnie Anderson.

Who won this year's draft? If you want to stick with numbers, then New England and Baltimore, the first two teams to select, came out with a lot of prospects. Eddie LeBaron, Atlanta's general manager, thinks Baltimore drafted four immediate starters. New England, with two first-round picks, might have taken two instant starters, Texas's Ken Sims and Miami of Florida's Lester Williams, for its weakest spot, the defensive line.

Dallas coach Tom Landry and ex-Kansas City coach Hank Stram think San Francisco emerged stronger than anyone.

"I'm skeptical about teams claiming 'We draft the best athlete available,' " says Stram. "The truth is that most teams draft on the basis of need, and from that aspect, San Francisco did better than anyone. They needed a tight end and they traded for a fine one in Russ Francis. They needed a left tackle and they got a good one in Michigan's Bubba Paris."

Don Shula, the Miami coach, says that no team can ever tell about the genuine quality of its draft until two years afterward. "That's the earliest you can make an honest assessment."

It will be an interesting wait for the Tampa Bay Buccaneers. They may have drafted the wrong man in the first round this year. The Bucs had planned to take a defensive lineman, Booker Reese, of Bethune-Cookman, but when their turn came up, one of the best offensive lineman in the draft, Penn State guard Sean Farrell, remained undrafted. There was some discussion over the phone, from Tampa to draft headquarters in New York. Because of the noise and the confusion, the Bucs' delegate handed in a card bearing Farrell's name, when the man the team really wanted was Reese. The Bucs then traded a first-round choice in the lush draft of 1983 for a second-round selection in 1982 in order to pick Reese before it was too late. It could turn out that the Bucs drafted an accidental all-star.

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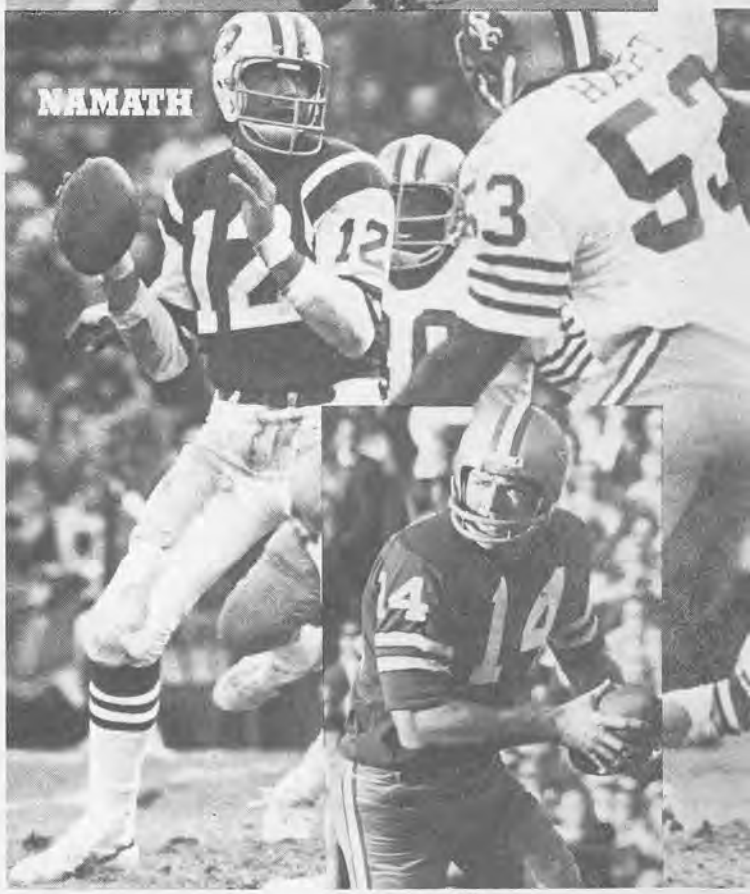
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Sunday, September 12
Atlanta at New York Giants
Chicago at Detroit
Cleveland at Seattle
Houston at Cincinnati
Kansas City at Buffalo
Los Angeles vs. Green Bay (Milw.)
Miami at New York Jets
New England at Baltimore
Oakland at San Francisco
St. Louis at New Orleans
San Diego at Denver
Tampa Bay at Minnesota
Washington at Philadelphia
Monday, September 13
Pittsburgh at Dallas (N)
Thursday, September 16
Minnesota at Buffalo (N)
Sunday, September 19
Baltimore at Miami
Cincinnati at Pittsburgh
Dallas at St. Louis
Detroit at Los Angeles
New Orleans at Chicago
New York Jets at New England
Oakland at Atlanta
Philadelphia at Cleveland
San Diego at Kansas City
San Francisco at Denver
Seattle at Houston
Washington at Tampa Bay
Monday, September 20
Green Bay at New York Giants (N)
Thursday, September 23
Atlanta at Kansas City (N)
Sunday, September 26
Buffalo at Houston
Chicago at San Francisco
Dallas at Minnesota
Denver at New Orleans
Los Angeles at Philadelphia
Miami at Green Bay
New York Giants at Pittsburgh
New York Jets at Baltimore
Oakland at San Diego
St. Louis at Washington
Seattle at New England
Tampa Bay at Detroit
Monday, September 27
Cincinnati at Cleveland (N)
Sunday, October 3
Baltimore at Detroit
Cleveland at Washington
Houston at New York Jets
Kansas City at Seattle
Los Angeles at St. Louis
Miami at Cincinnati
Minnesota at Chicago
New England at Buffalo
New Orleans at Oakland
New York Giants at Dallas
Philadelphia vs. Green Bay (Milw.)
Pittsburgh at Denver
San Diego at Atlanta
Monday, October 4
San Francisco at Tampa Bay (N)
Sunday, October 10
Atlanta at Los Angeles
Buffalo at Baltimore
Cincinnati at New England
Cleveland at Oakland
Denver at New York Jets
Detroit at Miami
Green Bay at Chicago
Houston at Kansas City
Minnesota at Tampa Bay
St. Louis at New York Giants
San Francisco at New Orleans
Seattle at San Diego
Washington at Dallas
Monday, October 11
Philadelphia at Pittsburgh (N)

Sunday, October 17
Atlanta at Detorit
Baltimore at Cleveland
Chicago at St. Louis
Cincinnati at New York Giants
Dallas at Philadelphia
Denver at Houston
Kansas City at San Diego
Los Angeles at San Francisco
New England at Miami
New Orleans at Minnesota
Oakland at Seattle
Pittsburgh at Washington
Tampa Bay at Green Bay
Monday, October 18
Buffalo at New York Jets (N)
Sunday, October 24
Cleveland at Pittsburgh
Dallas at Cincinnati (N)
Detroit at Buffalo
Green Bay at Minnesota
Miami at Baltimore
New Orleans at Los Angeles
New York Jets at Kansas City
Oakland at Denver
St. Louis at New England
San Diego at Seattle
San Francisco at Atlanta
Tampa Bay at Chicago
Washington at Houston
Monday, October 25
New York Giants at Philadelphia (N)
Sunday, October 31
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Dallas at New York Giants
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Los Angeles at San Diego
Miami at Oakland
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Philadelphia at St. Louis
Pittsburgh at Cincinnati
San Francisco at Washington
Seattle at Kansas City
Tampa Bay at Baltimore
Monday, November 1
Detroit at Minnesota (N)
Sunday, November 7
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Baltimore at New England
Denver at Seattle
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Kansas City at Oakland
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Minnesota at San Francisco
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St. Louis at Dallas
Washington at Cincinnati
Monday, November 8
San Diego at Miami (N)
Sunday, November 14
Buffalo at New England
Chicago at Tampa Bay
Cincinnati at Houston
Cleveland at Miami
Dallas at San Francisco
Denver at Kansas City
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Minnesota at Washington
New Orleans at San Diego
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New York Jets at Pittsburgh
Oakland at Baltimore
Seattle at St. Louis
Monday, November 15
Philadelphia at Atlanta (N)

Sunday, November 21
Baltimore at New York Jets
Cincinnati at Philadelphia
Detroit at Chicago
Kansas City at New Orleans
Los Angeles at Atlanta
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Minnesota vs. Green Bay (Milw.)
New England at Cleveland
Pittsburgh at Houston
San Francisco at St. Louis
Seattle at Denver
Tampa Bay at Dallas
Washington at New York Giants
Monday, November 22
San Diego at Oakland (N)
Thursday, November 25
Cleveland at Dallas
New York Giants at Detroit
Sunday, November 28
Baltimore at Buffalo
Chicago at Minnesota
Denver at San Diego
Green Bay at New York Jets
Houston at New England
Kansas City at Los Angeles
New Orleans at San Francisco
Oakland at Cincinnati
Philadelphia at Washington
Pittsburgh at Seattle
St. Louis at Atlanta
Monday, November 29
Miami at Tampa Bay (N)
Thursday, December 2
San Francisco at Los Angeles (N)
Sunday, December 5
Atlanta at Denver
Buffalo vs. Green Bay (Milw.)
Cincinnati at Baltimore
Dallas at Washington
Houston at New York Giants
Kansas City at Pittsburgh
Minnesota at Miami
New England at Chicago
St. Louis at Philadelphia
San Diego at Cleveland
Seattle at Oakland
Tampa Bay at New Orleans
Monday, December 6
New York Jets at Detroit (N)
Saturday, December 11
Philadelphia at New York Giants
San Diego at San Francisco
Sunday, December 12
Baltimore at Minnesota
Chicago at Seattle
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POSTSEASON

Sunday, January 2
NFL First Round Playoffs
Saturday, January 8
AFC and NFC Divisional Playoffs
Sunday, January 9
AFC and NFC Divisional Playoffs
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NFC Championship Game
Sunday, January 30
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Not since the Pittsburgh Steelers of 1978 has there been a more dominating, deserving Super Bowl champion than the San Francisco 49ers. They won more games than anyone else in football. They beat their Super Bowl rivals, the Cincinnati Bengals, not once, but twice. They beat their strongest National Conference rivals, the Dallas Cowboys, and their Western Division competitors, the Los Angeles Rams, two times each.

There was nothing fluky about the 49ers. But they probably won't do it again. Why? Because somebody else out there is the next San Francisco. The 49ers were the next Philadelphia. The Eagles were the next Los Angeles. The Rams were the next Dallas.

It is precisely because the 49ers did rise so quickly and unexpectedly that they won't repeat. This is no bold prediction. In fact, it is conservative. The 49ers proved it possible to turn a franchise around fast. So did the Bengals in the AFC. It will be done again. There have been six different teams in the last three Super Bowls. In the previous six Super Bowls, only six different teams participated.

Which team, then, is the next San Francisco. Let's see, who was 6-10 in the NFC last year? That's the record both the 49ers and Bengals finished with in 1980. The Rams were 6-10 last year and they have yet another quarterback. Why not? The Bears were 6-10 last year and they have something better: a rookie quarterback. They also have the easiest schedule in the league. Want to make money? Pick the 6-10 Bears against the 6-10 Seattle Seahawks in Super Bowl XVII.

The 49ers and Bengals not only came off 6-10 records, they compiled the two worst records in football from 1978 to 1980. Who has the worst record from 1979-81 in the NFC? New Orleans. Why not pick the Saints for the Super Bowl?

The 49ers were 2-14 three years ago. So were the Detroit Lions. There's a clue. And the Lions have a third-year quarterback, too. His name is Eric Hipple. Don't ignore the Lions.

Who finished 27th in the league in defense last year? That's what the 49ers did in 1980 to position themselves for their Super Bowl season. Well, the five worst defensive teams all played in the downtrodden American Conference, folks. So you have to settle for the St. Louis Cardinals, 23rd in the league.

Who has failed to go to the playoffs since 1972, San Francisco's last appearance? How about Green Bay? Washington has a coach from San Diego, Joe Gibbs, and an offense to match. The Redskins could win it all. Or why not the New York Giants. They had no offense at all, finishing 28th in the league, but they got to the playoffs anyway. They could be on their way to greatness.

Tampa Bay is in the picture, too. The Bucs got beat 38-0 by Dallas in the playoffs, but their defensive coordinator went to San Diego. They should be ready to make their move.

Get the idea? San Francisco won't repeat because the league has gone wacky. The 49ers proved it themselves. There is no longer a blueprint for success. There is no longer any logical basis for prediction. The only predictable thing left in this league is its unpredictability. Parity is going to break the bookies yet.

Of the 28 teams, 12 finished within a game of .500. One, Tampa Bay, won a division. A .500 record is only a couple of games, maybe only a couple of plays, certainly only a couple of players, from a Super Bowl berth. The 49ers, dominant as they were overall, won seven of their games by seven points or less.

Why will it be so difficult for the 49ers to repeat? Some would argue it is all part of Pete Rozelle's grand balancing act featuring the common draft, common scheduling, and common distribution of revenue. San Francisco coach Bill Walsh argues that it is plain hard work on the part of many individual franchises.

"The NFL has done nothing to achieve parity. There have not been any extra draft choices given to certain teams. Not one concession has been made to any team to create parity," said Walsh.

Former coach John Madden writes that today's unpredictability is simply a case of the dynasties of the 1970's, Pittsburgh and Miami, slipping because of injury or age. At the same time, rookies are playing and contributing faster than ever before. Madden cites two reasons, situation substitution and changing techniques in pass defense, both related to the greatest subtle reason for balance, the rules changes.

Walsh points out the great defenses of the Steelers and Dolphins were impossible to deal with. "Now you can deal with them." The rules say so. Defenders cannot rush the passer so easily anymore nor hinder the receiver, so more teams are able to accomplish more things on offense. There are more big plays on offense, more teams trying to make big plays on offense, which in turn creates more opportunity to make big plays on defense. Rookie Ronnie Lott stepped into San Francisco's secondary and returned three interceptions for touchdowns, more than he gave up all season.

"With all the formations on offense and defense, you can narrow the roles of each of the 45 men on the roster, narrow them to a point where they can be picked up very quickly," said Madden. "Of course, that's not the case with a player such as Ronnie Lott, or Everson Walls, or Lawrence Taylor. But in most other cases, rookies can be turned into specialists for strictly passing or running downs, where they don't have to learn the alternative for every situation.

"And in pass defense today, the techniques are changing. A defensive back no longer can bump, so he has to play off a receiver, almost let him catch the ball, then pop him good and hope to create a fumble, a tip, an interception, or an incompletion. That's the way they play pass defense in college, so it smooths the transition for a rookie."

Linebacker Lawrence Taylor almost single-handedly elevated the Giants from 24th in the league in defense to 3rd. His devastating blitzes forced teams to devise game plans around him. On their way to the Super Bowl, the 49ers beat the Giants by pulling a guard and blocking Taylor as if he were an end.

Linebacker Hugh Green helped raise Tampa Bay from 20th to 13th in defense by playing as he did in college—all over the field. No. 1 rookie George Rogers went to a team ranked last in the league in rushing, New Orleans, and won the rushing title. Could the Saints' blocking have improved that much? Dallas played two rookie free agents, Everson Walls and Michael Downs, in the secondary and led the league in interceptions.

Young quarterbacks were effective more quickly, not in spite of multiple offenses and multiple defenses, but perhaps because of them. There is more emphasis put on a quarterback's quickness in the pocket, his ability to slide away from a rush and find that receiver

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Tackle—Keith Fahnhorst, S.F.
Tackle—Mike Kenn, Atlanta
Guard—Noah Jackson, Chicago
Guard—Herb Scott, Dallas
Center—Dennis Swilley, Minnesota
Place-kicker—Ray Wersching, S.F.

DEFENSE
End—Lee Roy Selmon, Tampa Bay
End—Ed Jones, Dallas
Tackle—Randy White, Dallas
Tackle—Don Smith, Atlanta
Outside Linebacker—Lawrence Taylor, Giants
Outside Linebacker—Mike Douglass, Green Bay
Middle Linebacker—Buddy Curry, Atlanta
Cornerback—Ronnie Lott, S.F.
Cornerback—Rod Perry, Los Angeles
Free Safety—Nolan Cromwell, Dallas
Strong Safety—Gary Fencik, Chicago
Punter—Dave Jennings, New York Giants

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PREDICTIONS

WEST
1. San Francisco 49ers
2. Atlanta Falcons
3. Los Angeles Rams
4. New Orleans Saints

EAST
1. Dallas Cowboys
2. New York Giants
3. Philadelphia Eagles
4. Washington Redskins
5. St. Louis Cardinals

CENTRAL
1. Minnesota Vikings
2. Detroit Lions
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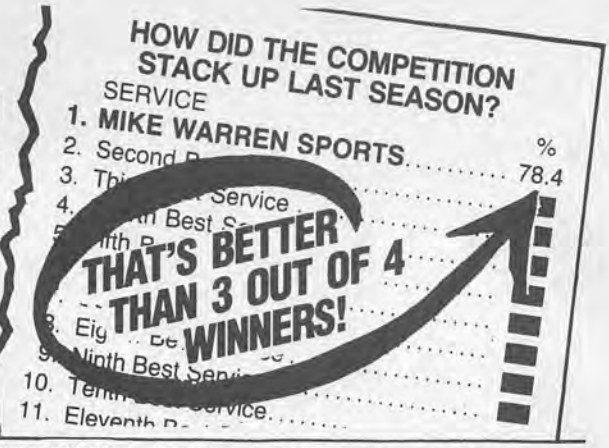

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who is bound to be running loose somewhere downfield.

Miami's David Woodley was able to do it two years ago, after limited experience at LSU. Detroit's Eric Hipple made his debut on Monday night TV last year, his second season but his first appearance, and threw four touchdown passes against a confused Chicago defense. Three of the TD's came on consecutive throws.

One player can make a difference, and he doesn't necessarily have to be a rookie. The 49ers traded for Fred Dean, a pass rush specialist. Oakland's Al Davis called him the single biggest reason for the 49er climb. Frisco also picked up a free agent middle linebacker, Jack Reynolds, who helped stop the run.

The Giants had no running game and virtually no runners until a trade for Rob Carpenter of Houston brought them respectability and a playoff berth. The Cardinals found a man right on their roster, switching Roy Green from defense to offense and giving them an instant deep pass-catching threat. The Packers obtained John Jefferson, who helped James Lofton and friends turn a 2-6 start into a 6-2 finish. Joe Washington helped the Redskins after the Chargers decided he was washed up.

So thanks for the memories, San Francisco. It was refreshing and impressive and maybe it will even last another season. But get ready for your successor.

Watch out for the Rams, who kept their quarterback wheel spinning with the acquisition of Bert Jones. Surely, they will hit the jackpot soon. They also added a proven target, tight end Mike Barber.

Beware of Atlanta, where the league's best fullback, Williams Andrews, is now joined by the colleges' best fullback, Gerald Riggs.

Keep an eye on the Minnesota Vikings, who drafted the man Walsh recruited in college and the man he wanted in the draft, Darrin Nelson. Too little at 5-8, 180? Tell that to James Brooks and Joe Delaney, who made a difference at San Diego and Kansas City, respectively, last year.

"Nelson is the one franchise back in the draft," said one scout. In an era of wide-open offense, the little guy can play.

Don't forget the Dallas Cowboys, who still can't believe they lost another NFC title game. Next time, the 49ers won't drive the length of the field. Next time, the Cowboys will have rookie cornerback Rod Hill covering Dwight Clark and Hill will make the interception in the end zone.

The Eagles have had the No. 1 defense in the league for two years. All they needed was a quick wide receiver, so they drafted Mike Quick, and he will jump higher than Ronnie Lott.

The first time the 49ers beat the Saints last year, it was 21-14. The second time, it was 21-17. Now the Saints have wide receiver Lindsay Scott, master of the acrobatic catch. They have place-kicker Morten Andersen, who booted a 63-yarder last year in college. They have copied the 49ers and drafted defensive backs. What else does Bum Phillips need? His two-year plan is about to reach fruition.

The Chicago Bears are ready to improve. They drafted Brigham Young quarterback Jim McMahon and everybody always has said a quarterback is all the Bears need. This one is supposed to be better than all the statistically impressive BYU quarterbacks before him and maybe more prepared to step into a pro offense than any prospect in ages.

The Bears also have another ace up their sleeve. They obtained Tampa Bay's No. 1 draft pick in 1983 for the Buccaneers' No. 2 pick in 1982. The Bears did it not entirely because the 1983 draft is supposed to be loaded, but because it gives them leverage to make a trade before the 1982 season. They cited what Dean and Reynolds did in San Francisco, what Carpenter did in New York and Jefferson in Green Bay.

The Bucs thought enough of defensive end Booker Reese of Bethune-Cookman to give up that No. 1. They figure Reese could be their Dean, the one man who will make the difference.

The 49ers have not remained idle by any means. They took a chance and paid big money to one of the most remarkable athletes in the world, hurdler Renaldo Nehemiah. They hope he can transfer awesome speed and ability to the football field in a hurry. His mere presence at wide receiver will force cornerbacks into quick back-pedals. The 49ers knew they wouldn't be able to draft a can't-miss collegian with the last pick in the first round, so they traded it to New England for an all-pro tight end, Russ Francis. They needed an offensive tackle, and when Michigan's huge Bubba Paris still lingered early in the second round, they traded again to land him.

"A coach waits an entire career to get someone like him," said Walsh, obviously not influenced by the negative scouting reports.

The NFC is no longer the weak sister. For the first time since 1971, the NFC achieved an interconference advantage over the AFC, 28-24. The margin came courtesy of the lowly Bears, who swept the four tough AFC West foes on their schedule.

The league's eight oldest teams were in the AFC. The NFC has most of the young quarterbacks in Montana, Danny White, Doug Williams, Phil Simms, Hipple, Tommy Kramer, and Neil Lomax.

The NFC has most of the great young running backs in Rogers, Billy Sims, Ottis Anderson, Andrews, and Ted Brown and a few who are not so young anymore but just as great in Walter Payton, Tony Dorsett, and Wilbert Montgomery. The NFC also landed four of the first five runners drafted—Minnesota's Nelson, Atlanta's Riggs, Los Angeles's Barry Redden, and New York's Butch Woolfolk.

With the arrival of the young comes the inevitable exit of the old. In the NFC, most of the retirees played defense and perhaps decided they no longer could keep pace with a changing sport.

Alan Page played defensive tackle at 225 pounds for the Bears. He once played at 255 for the Vikings and displayed quickness at both weights that revolutionized the position. He left insisting that his skills had not eroded much over a Hall of Fame career and, to prove it, he had three-and-a-half sacks in his final game.

Middle linebacker Bill Bergey and defensive end Claude Humphrey overcame the disadvantage of mediocre teams to rise to individual stardom and got to go out as winners with the Philadelphia Eagles.

Linebacker D. D. Lewis and safety Charlie Waters ended long and reliable service to a Dallas organization that is sincerely afraid it won't be able to plug in their kind of leadership and confidence.

Defensive end Fred Dryer left the Rams reluctantly, after a contract dispute caused him to hang on like an unwanted child. But he went without bitterness in the end, saying, "I'm not going to let that stain my memories."

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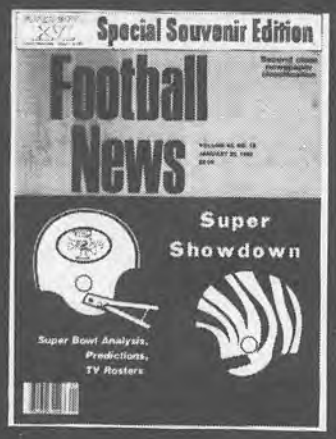

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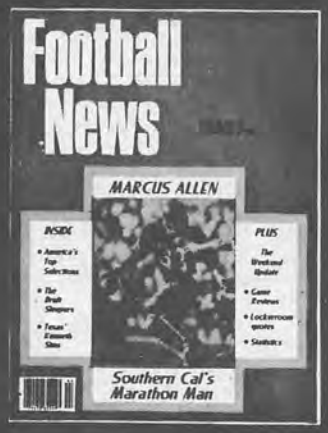

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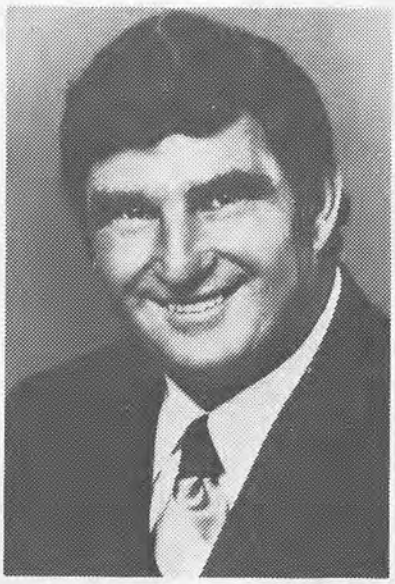

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The San Francisco 49ers won the Super Bowl thanks in large part to the passing of Joe Montana (above), the receiving of Dwight Clark (#87), and the running of Ricky Patton (#32) and Earl Cooper (#49).

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SAN FRANCISCO 49ERS

Only three teams in NFL history had better seasons than the San Francisco 49ers had in 1981. The 1972 Miami Dolphins were 17-0. The 1976 Oakland Raiders were 16-1. The 1978 Pittsburgh Steelers were 17-2. The 49ers were 16-3. That statistic alone should demonstrate how difficult it will be for the 49ers to match their '81 performance. It just isn't done very often, no matter who you are.

Besides being spectacularly successful on both offense and defense, the 49ers of 1981 suffered no major injuries. Place-kicker Ray Wersching, who sat out four games early in the season with a pulled muscle, was the only regular who missed more than one game because of an injury. He came back to star in the Super Bowl. But already this season, the 49ers apparently have lost all-pro guard Randy Cross for the year with ankle and knee injuries.

The 49ers jumped from 27th to 2nd in defense by throwing three rookies into the fire and stabilizing them with two veterans, Fred Dean and Jack Reynolds. The 49ers perplexed and frustrated teams with Bill Walsh's effective offense, so innovative that Walsh couldn't resist adding new twists up to 72 hours before the Super Bowl kickoff.

This is how magical the 49ers' season was: they had no dominating runner and no feared rushing attack, finishing next-to-last in the league in average gain per run. Yet they somehow managed to outrush all three of their playoff opponents. The 49ers had an awesome season without being an awesome team. At least they were not awesome in any conventionally overpowering sense. Perhaps they have an awesome coach and perhaps their philosophy of play will redefine the word awesome.

After the Super Bowl, many observers felt, "Wait until Walsh gets more players."

They didn't have to wait long. The 49ers got a jump on the draft by signing world-class hurdler Renaldo Nehemiah. Then they stunned people by trading their first-round pick, which was only one player from a second-round pick, to the desperate New England Patriots for world-class retired tight end Russ Francis. Evidently, New England was still feeling sorry about selling Jim Plunkett to the 49ers for such a high price.

Refusing to stand pat, Walsh then made another trade to land Michigan offensive tackle Bubba Paris in the second round. Paris is a 300-pounder who divided the opinion of scouts. Some said he was fat and overrated. A few said he was the best offensive line prospect in the draft. Walsh left no question about where he stood by exclaiming, "He's one of the best I've ever seen. A coach waits a lifetime to get a player like him." Since Walsh's opinions have carried more weight of late, his comments made 27 other teams start second-guessing themselves immediately.

The signing of Nehemiah was the kind of move champions can afford, but rarely make. It is bold and exciting. It could change Walsh's offense. If it doesn't, well, the offense wasn't bad before. The 49ers outbid seven other teams for Nehemiah, who instantly becomes the fastest man in football. He might be the fastest man in the world. Quarterbacks at his tryouts discovered he could catch, too, but his speed alone will force cornerbacks into back-pedals before the snap of the ball. And if this happens, just think of all the things Dwight Clark or Russ Francis can do underneath the coverage.

The 49ers still need running backs. Or do they? Don't rule out another deal. Walsh has no inclination to live on his laurels.

"Those 49ers didn't fall out of an apple tree. They're smart," said Chicago coach Mike Ditka as he watched Walsh's draft.

The 49ers not only were the first team to go from losers one year to Super Bowl champs the next, they were the first team since the postwar Chicago Cardinals to go from the worst NFL record (2-14 in 1979) to the best (13-3) in just three seasons. That is faster than even Walsh anticipated. He knows he must improve his personnel to stay on top.

Quarterback Joe Montana wouldn't seem to need much improvement. In his third year, his second as a regular, he was the top-rated passer in the NFC. He had the highest completion percentage in the league for the second straight year and had the third-lowest interception percentage. He was also MVP of the Super Bowl. Yet Walsh still sees a young quarterback.

"He has developed into a fine player and should keep improving until reaching his potential in about his sixth or seventh season as one of the finest quarterbacks in league history," said the coach.

Montana's forte is his knack of sliding around in the pocket to avoid pressure and finding

1981 LEADERS AND NFC RANKINGS

SCORING—Wersching, 81 points on 17 field goals and 30 PAT's . . . 13th
RUSHING—Patton, 152 carries for 543 yards, 3.6 avg., 4 TD's . . . 16th
PASSING—Montana, 311 of 488 attempts for 3,565 yards, 19 TD's . . . 1st
RECEIVING—Clark, 85 receptions for 1,105 yards, 13.0 avg., 4 TD's . . . 1st
INTERCEPTIONS—Hicks, 9 for 239 yards, 26.6 avg., 1 TD . . . 2nd
PUNTING—Miller, 93 punts, 41.5 avg., longest 65 yards . . . 6th
PUNT RETURNS—Hicks, 19 for 171 yards, 9.0 avg. . . 7th
KICKOFF RETURNS—Lawrence, 17 for 437 yards, 25.7 avg., 1 TD . . . 2nd

PRESEASON SCHEDULE

August	14	OAKLAND
	21	ST. LOUIS (N)
	28	At San Diego (N)
September	3	At Seattle (N)

1982 SCHEDULE			1981 SCORES
September	12	OAKLAND	—
	19	At Denver	—
	26	CHICAGO	28-17
October	4	At Tampa Bay (N)	—
	10	At New Orleans	21-17
	17	LOS ANGELES	20-17
	24	At Atlanta	17-34
	31	At Washington	30-17
November	7	MINNESOTA	—
	14	DALLAS	45-14
	21	At St. Louis	—
	28	NEW ORLEANS	21-14
December	2	At Los Angeles (N)	33-31
	11	SAN DIEGO	—
	19	ATLANTA (N)	17-14
	26	At Kansas City	—

another receiver without panicking. If that sounds easy, try it sometime. It is the one ingredient coaches look for most in today's quarterbacks. Montana excels under pressure. His rating during the playoffs was higher than it was during the regular season.

Losing Montana would be a heavy blow to the 49ers, but probably not catastrophic. According to Walsh, Guy Benjamin "within a week of taking over— if he had to—would guide the offense at a very proficient level, there is no doubt about it." Anyone who saw Steve DeBerg guide Walsh's offense has little doubt.

Nehemiah is only the frosting on a corps of receivers that also benefits greatly from the design of Walsh's offense. Dwight Clark is a Pro Bowl player whom Walsh describes as the "finest third-down receiver" in the league. Why? Because of his good size, speed, hands, overall athletic skill-intelligence combination, explains Walsh. Clark's ability to adjust his routes and read Montana's mind makes him doubly effective, as the Dallas secondary will attest. Clark's famous catch in the end zone that beat the Cowboys in the NFC title game was no schoolyard improvisation; it just looked that way. If healthy, Clark probably will catch another 80 passes. But Walsh is not afraid to insert Mike Wilson at any time, as demonstrated in the Super Bowl, when the Dallas castoff made a critical third-down catch.

Opposite the control receivers is little Freddie Solomon, who is coming off his best year. Besides his speed, Solomon has the uncoachable talent of adjusting to long balls. Walsh calls Clark and Solomon the best downfield blocking duo among receivers in the league. Mike Schumann is another talented back-up.

Where does Nehemiah fit? It was Clark who helped persuade him to try football. He was impressed when he saw Nehemiah win TV's *Superstars* competition.

"We realize he has been out of organized football for several years, but he looks like a football player," said Walsh. "He caught every type pass thrown him when he worked out, and he has the instinctive intuitive moves of a football player."

"If I don't get hurt, and I get a fair chance, I know I'll make it," said Nehemiah, who, in athletics, has accomplished everything else he has tried.

Russ Francis used to be a trackman, too. He has been out of football for a year, but nobody seems overly concerned about his ability to come back. At age 29, Francis still has good years left, and the renewed incentive of playing for a winner on the West Coast could make them great years.

The 49ers were not desperate for a tight end. Veteran Charle Young performed so consistently well last year that his teammates voted him the Len Eshmont award for inspired play. Eason Ramson is a good blocker and receiver who has been hampered by injury.

Without benefit of great runners, Walsh could use a lot of the two-tight end formation with one back that is becoming more prevalent. The one back would be Earl Cooper, a fullback who has caught 134 passes for 1,044 yards in two seasons. He has rushed for 1,050 yards.

"He had his ups and downs last year but finished strong," said Walsh. "He's a very important person in our offensive planning."

Walsh is looking for a halfback. Against Dallas, the leading rusher was Lenvil Elliott, who quickly retreated back to the safety of retirement. Ricky Patton, injured during the Dallas game, had such an impressive season that he is the front runner for the starting job. But he needs help.

"Ricky far surpassed any expectations we had for him last year," said Walsh. He started 17 of 19 games and led the team in rushing with 543 yards.

Amos Lawrence, a return specialist, could provide competition for Patton. Oft-injured Paul Hofer, still trying to come back from injury, is a possibility. In short yardage, Walsh uses former Tampa fullback Johnny Davis. Walt Easley and Bill Ring also have played running back in spots.

Much of the credit for the 49ers' effective playoff running must go to the offensive line, a veteran group that has slowly but surely developed into one of the league's best units. Walsh called John Ayers and Cross the best pair of pass-blocking guards in the league. Cross was a Pro Bowler who may have been the best all-around guard in football, John Hannah notwithstanding. He will be missed. Right tackle Keith Fahnhorst should have been in the Pro Bowl last year. At least Too Tall Jones would have voted for him. Entering his ninth season, Fahnhorst is a team leader who never misses a game and rarely an assignment. Fred Quillan gives the 49ers a dependable, strong center who, in his fifth year, is entering the prime of his career. Paris will challenge Dan Audick at left tackle. If Paris makes it, Walsh must be right about him. Audick is no slouch. At 6-3, 250, he is more suited for guard, but his quickness helped

Defensive backs Eric Wright, Carlton Williamson, and Dwight Hicks (below), linebacker Keena Turner, and place-kicker Ray Wersching of the 49ers

49ERS VETERAN ROSTER

no	name	pos	ht	wt	age	NFL exp	college
61	Audick, Dan	T	6-3	253	28	5	Hawaii
68	Ayers, John	G	6-5	260	29	6	W. Texas St.
7	Benjamin, Guy	QB	6-3	210	27	5	Stanford
76	Board, Dwaine	DE	6-5	250	26	4	N.C. A&T
72	Bungarda, Ken	T	6-6	270	25	2	Missouri
57	Bunz, Dan	LB	6-4	225	27	5	Long Beach
60	Choma, John	OL	6-6	261	27	2	Virginia
33	Churchman, Ricky	CB	6-1	193	24	3	Texas
87	Clark, Dwight	WR	6-4	210	25	4	Clemson
49	Cooper, Earl	FB	6-2	227	25	3	Rice
51	Cross, Randy	G	6-3	250	28	7	UCLA
38	Davis, Johnny	RB	6-1	235	26	5	Alabama
74	Dean, Fred	DE	6-2	236	30	8	La. Tech
62	Downing, Walt	OL	6-3	254	26	5	Michigan
31	Easley, Walt	FB	6-1	226	25	2	West Virginia
71	Fahnhorst, Keith	T	6-6	263	30	9	Minnesota
48	Francis, Phil	FB	6-1	215	25	3	Stanford
81	Francis, Russ	TE	6-6	242	29	7	Oregon
24	Gervais, Rick	S	5-11	190	23	2	Stanford
59	Harper, Willie	LB	6-2	215	32	9	Nebraska
75	Harty, John	DT	6-4	253	24	2	Iowa
83	Herring, Eric	WR	6-1	180	24	1	Houston
22	Hicks, Dwight	S	6-1	189	26	4	Michigan
36	Hofer, Paul	RB	6-0	195	30	7	Mississippi
63	Judie, Ed	LB	6-2	231	23	1	Arizona
66	Kennedy, Allan	T	6-7	275	24	2	Wash. St.
77	Kugler, Pete	DT	6-4	255	23	2	Penn St.
20	Lawrence, Amos	RB	5-10	179	24	2	North Carolina
52	Leopold, Bobby	LB	6-1	215	25	3	Notre Dame
42	Lott, Ronnie	CB	6-0	199	23	2	USC
29	Martin, Saladin	CB	6-1	180	26	3	San Diego
53	McColl, Milt	LB	6-6	220	23	2	Stanford
3	Miller, Jim	P	5-11	183	25	3	Mississippi
16	Montana, Joe	QB	6-2	200	26	4	Notre Dame
83	Nehemiah, Renaldo	WR	6-1	177	23	R	Maryland
99	Parham, Gus	DT	6-6	260	27	1	San Jose St.
32	Patton, Ricky	RB	5-11	192	28	5	Jackson St.
65	Pillers, Lawrence	DE	6-4	260	30	7	Alcorn A&M
54	Puki, Craig	LB	6-1	231	25	3	Tennessee
56	Quillan, Fred	C	6-5	260	26	5	Oregon
80	Ramson, Eason	TE	6-2	234	26	4	Wash. St.
78	Reese, Archie	DT	6-3	262	26	5	Clemson
64	Reynolds, Jack	LB	6-1	232	35	13	Tennessee
30	Ring, Bill	RB	5-10	215	26	2	Brigham Young
84	Shumann, Mike	WR	6-0	175	27	5	Florida St.
88	Solomon, Freddie	WR	5-11	185	29	8	Tampa
79	Stuckey, Jim	DE	6-4	251	24	3	Clemson
28	Thomas, Lynn	CB	5-11	181	23	2	Pittsburgh
58	Turner, Keena	LB	6-2	219	24	3	Purdue
90	Visger, Gus	DT	6-4	250	24	2	Colorado
14	Wersching, Ray	K	5-11	210	32	10	California
27	Williamson, Carlton	S	6-0	204	24	2	Pittsburgh
85	Wilson, Mike	WR	6-3	210	24	2	Wash. St.
21	Wright, Eric	CB	6-1	180	23	2	Missouri
86	Young, Charle	TE	6-4	234	31	10	USC

DRAFTEES

rd	name	pos	ht	wt	age	college
2	Paris, Bubba	OT	6-6	293	21	Michigan
5	Williams, Newton	RB	5-10	204	22	Arizona St.
6	Williams, Vince	FB	6-0	231	22	Oregon
7	Ferrari, Ron	LB	6-0	212	23	Illinois
9	Clark, Bryan	QB	6-2	196	21	Michigan St.
10	McLemore, Dana	KR	5-10	183	21	Hawaii
10	Barbian, Tim	OT	6-3	230	23	W. Illinois
11	Gibson, Gary	LB	6-1	215	23	Arizona
12	Washington, Tim	DB	5-9	184	22	Fresno St.

him handle some of the best pass rushers in football. He could replace Cross. Ken Bungarda was ready to take the starting job last year before a knee injury ended his season before it began. Allan Kennedy is another second-year prospect much like Bungarda. Both are in the 6-6, 275-pound range, which makes them smaller than Paris. Walt Downing and John Choma provide depth at guard and center.

Despite all the well-deserved accolades for Walsh's offense, defense won for the 49ers in 1981. The club cut its points allowed from 415 to 250, which made the job of the offense that much easier.

The defense did it with five new faces leading the way. Rookie defensive backs Ronnie Lott, Carlton Williamson, and Eric Wright some day will be great trivia questions, if they don't make it to the Hall of Fame first. They did what couldn't be done: they started in suicidal positions and caused more mistakes than they made. With all-pro Lott at left corner, Williamson at strong safety, and Wright at right corner surrounding all-pro free safety Dwight Hicks, the 49ers were third in the league in pass defense. They returned four interceptions for scores, three by Lott. The 49ers thought Lott, not the Giants' Lawrence Taylor, should have been rookie of the year.

Walsh called Williamson "the single biggest factor defensively for the development of our young secondary. He was probably the most consistent back among the rookies." A fourth rookie, Lynn Thomas, saw action as the nickel back and back-up corner. Hicks led the club with nine interceptions. Saladin Martin, Ricky Churchman, and Rick Gervais lend depth. And the last player drafted, Fresno State's Tim Washington, is a long shot. He's a cornerback and a 49er rookie, so keep an eye on him.

The secondary benefited greatly by the seven players up front, who stopped the run and pressured the passer. The former task was courtesy of Reynolds, an unwanted Ram. The latter was brought by Dean, a Chargers' castoff. Both were part-time players, but Reynolds led the club in tackles and Dean in sacks.

The 49ers line up with Jim Stuckey, Archie Reese, and Dwaine Board on the starting 3-4 defense. Reynolds joins Dan Bunz at inside linebacker, flanked by Willie Harper and Keena Turner. In passing situations, Dean turns it into a four-man line. Lawrence Pillars has improved enough to push Stuckey, Reese, and Board—who all enjoyed fine seasons. Walsh hopes nose tackle John Harty also will improve in his second year. Harper had his finest pro season in his eighth year. Turner might be the club's best athlete. He blitzes, covers, and stops the run. Bobby Leopold, Milt McColl, and Craig Puki provide experienced depth.

Walsh enjoys the luxury of two of the better kickers in football. Third-year punter Jim Miller gained the confidence to blossom into an outstanding performer with an average of 46.3 yards in the Super Bowl. Walsh called Ray Wersching "the best clutch field goal kicker in the NFL and maybe the best in 49ers' history."

ATLANTA FALCONS

There are more good football teams than bad ones these days and the Atlanta Falcons are an example of a good one. Here is a club that finished 7-9 last season. Bad team? Hardly. They were the favorite of many to go to the Super Bowl.

They lost seven games by a total of 19 points. Their record following a stellar 12-4 season in 1980 was the biggest disappointment in the NFC.

Quarterback Steve Bartkowski has started 35 consecutive games for Atlanta; fullback William Andrews rushed for 1,301 yards and 10 touchdowns in 1981.

But they remain a good team, capable of going all the way. They finished six games behind the 49ers in the NFC West, but they could turn the tables this year and few eyebrows would be raised.

The 426 points scored by the Falcons last year was second in the league to San Diego. The Falcon offense sent seven players to the Pro Bowl, one for each victory of the season. That is an astonishing number for a team with a losing record. It is also an indication of the problem: defense.

Only five years ago, the Falcons set an NFL record by giving up only 129 points. Last year, they gave up more passing yardage than anyone else in the NFC. They stopped the rush better than they stopped the pass, but that is no longer enough.

Coach Leeman Bennett is careful not to point the finger at one unit. He points instead to the 41 turnovers by the offense that left the defense more vulnerable than the year before, when the offense gave up the ball a league-low 26 times. An injury to blitzing linebacker Joel Williams also was a big factor in Atlanta's decline.

"It's a thin line between losing and winning," said Bennett. "I don't think we played any harder in '80 than we did last season. Two years ago, we played injury-free, whereas injuries hampered us last season. However, the major difference was that we did not execute in the final moments when the opportunity to win was there."

So what do the Falcons do to reverse the slide? They went into their draft hoping for defensive help. With the tenth pick, they figured they could get a good defensive lineman or linebacker. Or, they could trade for an established cornerback. No collegiate corner was worth that high a pick.

Not once in their preparations did they suspect they might choose a fullback. They have the best fullback in the business in William Andrews. And the best fullback in the draft, Arizona State's Gerald Riggs, would be long gone by the tenth pick.

So the Falcons ended up with Riggs, a 6-foot, 230-pounder with a chance to become what the scouts call "a franchise back." But what do they do with Riggs and Andrews? Switch one to defensive end?

"We're going to play a four-corner offense," quipped publicist Charlie Dayton. "Get a lead and tell Riggs and Andrews to fall down after four yards."

The Falcons simply felt Riggs was too good to pass up in favor of need. The choice was a spectacular example of the old "best athlete available" theory that no one likes to believe. If he lives up to his potential, Riggs will become the eighth Falcon offensive player in the Pro Bowl. Makes you wonder what's wrong with the other three guys.

There has been nothing wrong with quarterback Steve Bartkowski for two years, and he remains the single biggest reason for the Falcons' prowess. After injuries slowed his early career,

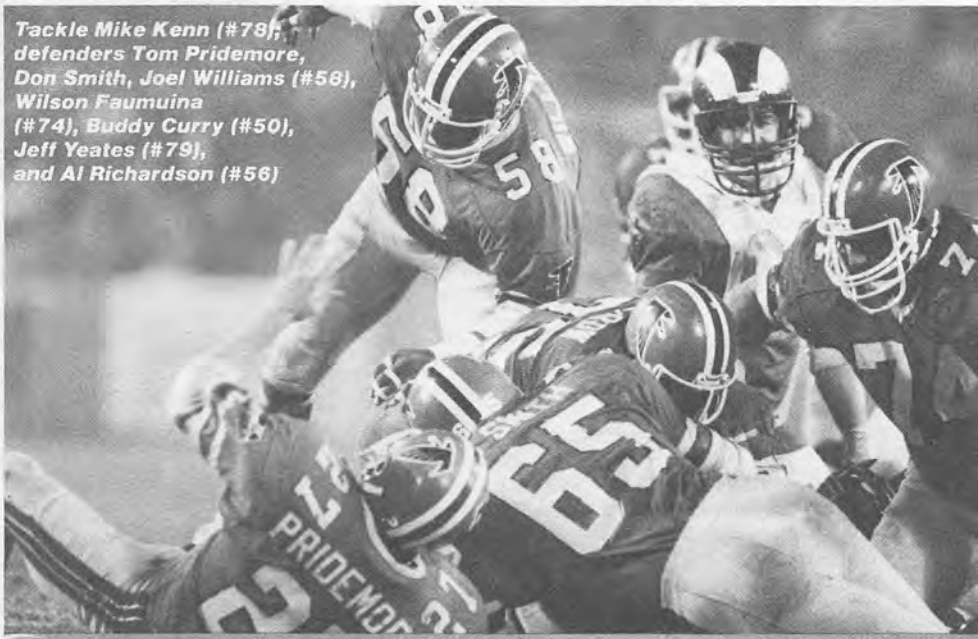
1981 LEADERS AND NFC RANKINGS

SCORING—Luckhurst, 114 points on 21 field goals and 51 PAT's...3rd
RUSHING—Andrews, 289 carries for 1,301 yards, 4.5 avg., 10 TD's...6th
PASSING—Bartkowski, 297 of 533 attempts for 3,829 yards, 30 TD's...3rd
RECEIVING—Andrews, 81 receptions for 735 yards, 9.1 avg., 2 TD's...3rd
INTERCEPTIONS—Pridemore, 7 for 221 yards, 31.6 avg., 1 TD...6th
PUNTING—James, 87 punts, 40.7 avg., longest 62 yards...10th
PUNT RETURNS—Woerner, 33 for 278 yards, 8.4 avg...9th
KICKOFF RETURNS—R. Smith, 47 for 1,143 yards, 24.3 avg...3rd

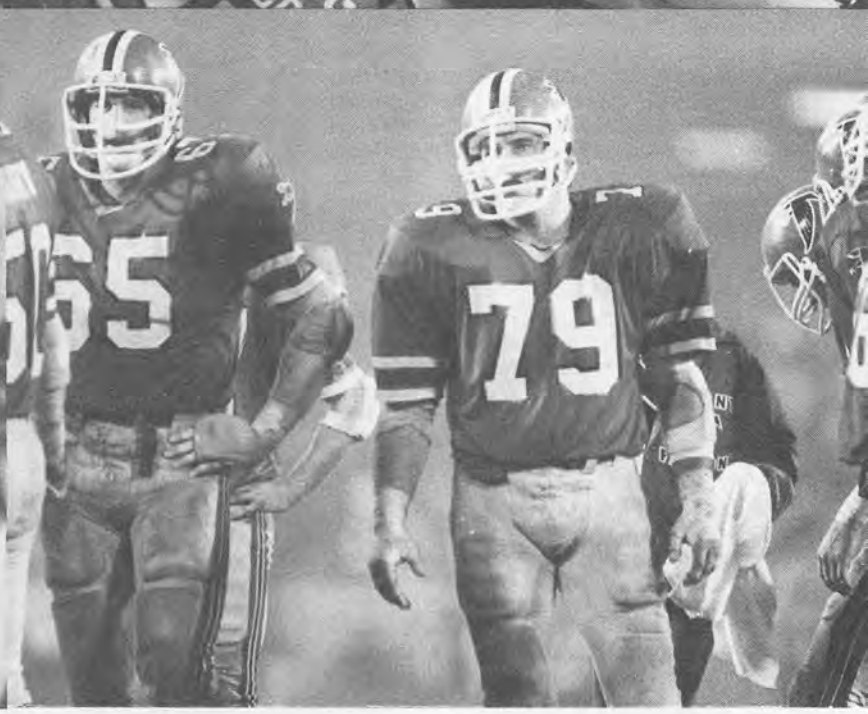
PRESEASON SCHEDULE

August	14	MINNESOTA (N)
	21	Baltimore (at Phoenix, AZ, N)
	27	PHILADELPHIA (N)
September	3	At Tampa Bay (N)

1982 SCHEDULE			1981 SCORES
September	12	At New York Giants	24-27
	19	OAKLAND	—
	23	At Kansas City (N)	—
October	3	SAN DIEGO	—
	10	At Los Angeles	16-21
	17	At Detroit	—
	24	SAN FRANCISCO	34-17
	31	At New Orleans	41-10
November	7	At Chicago	—
	15	PHILADELPHIA (N)	13-16
	21	LOS ANGELES	35-37
	28	ST. LOUIS	41-20
December	5	At Denver	—
	12	NEW ORLEANS	27-0
	19	At San Francisco (N)	14-17
	26	GREEN BAY	31-17



Tackle Mike Kenn (#78), defenders Tom Pridemore, Don Smith, Joel Williams (#58), Wilson Faumuina (#74), Buddy Curry (#50), Jeff Yeates (#79), and Al Richardson (#56)



he has now started 35 consecutive regular-season games. While throwing 61 touchdown passes in his last 32 starts, he has reduced his interceptions to 39.

"Steve has always had one of the best arms in football and now he has the maturity and supporting cast to take advantage of it," said Bennett.

Bartkowski's improvement is most evident in his percentage of completions, which reached 55.7 last season and marked the seventh consecutive year it has risen. The bomb is the staple of Bartkowski's repertoire. Of his 61 scoring passes over the past two years, 20 have been over 40 yards.

The Falcons feel confident in the development of back-up quarterback Mike Moroski, who was impressive during last preseason and returned from a broken collarbone to play well in the season finale. The drafting of Georgia Tech's Mike Kelley will keep the home folks happy and add a promising youngster to the quarterback cast.

FALCONS VETERAN ROSTER

no	name	pos	ht	wt	age	NFL exp	college
31	Andrews, William	RB	6-0	200	27	4	Auburn
10	Bartowski, Steve	QB	6-4	213	30	8	California
	Beeson, Terry	LB	6-3	235	27	6	Kansas
66	Bryant, Warren	T	6-6	270	27	6	Kentucky
23	Butler, Bobby	CB	5-11	170	23	2	FSU
21	Cain, Lynn	RB	6-1	205	27	4	Southern Cal
50	Curry, Buddy	LB	6-3	221	24	3	North Carolina
59	Davis, Paul	LB	6-1	215	24	2	North Carolina
55	Daykin, Tony	LB	6-1	215	27	6	Georgia Tech
74	Faumuina, Wilson	DE	6-5	275	28	6	San Jose St.
89	Francis, Wallace	WR	5-11	190	31	10	Pine Bluff
34	Gaison, Blane	S	6-0	185	24	2	Hawaii
36	Glazebrook, Bob	S	6-1	200	26	5	Fresno St.
83	Hodge, Floyd	WR	6-0	195	23	1	Utah
64	Howell, Pat	G	6-5	253	25	4	Southern Cal
85	Jackson, Alfred	WR	5-11	176	27	5	Texas
6	James, John	P	6-3	200	33	11	Florida
84	Jenkins, Alfred	WR	5-10	172	30	8	Morris Brown
37	Johnson, Kenny	CB	5-10	176	24	3	Miss. St.
20	Jones, Earl	CB	6-0	178	25	3	Norfolk St.
78	Kenn, Mike	T	6-6	257	26	5	Michigan
54	Kuykendall, Fulton	LB	6-5	225	29	8	UCLA
51	Laughlin, Jim	LB	6-0	212	24	3	Ohio St.
22	Lawrence, Rolland	CB	5-10	179	31	9	Tabor
18	Luckhurst, Mick	K	6-0	180	24	2	California
39	Mayberry, James	RB	5-11	210	25	4	Colorado
75	Merrow, Jeff	DE	6-4	255	29	8	West Virginia
87	Mikeska, Russ	TE	6-3	225	27	4	Texas A&M
80	Miller, Junior	TE	6-4	235	25	3	Nebraska
45	Moriarty, Tom	S	6-0	180	29	6	Bowl. Green
15	Moroski, Mike	QB	6-4	200	25	4	Cal-Davis
96	Musser, Neal	LB	6-2	218	25	1	N.C. State
27	Pridemore, Tom	S	5-10	186	26	5	West Virginia
56	Richardson, Al	LB	6-2	206	25	3	Georgia Tech
33	Robinson, Bo	RB	6-2	225	26	4	W. Texas St.
67	Sanders, Eric	T	6-6	255	24	2	Nevada-Reno
70	Scott, Dave	G	6-4	265	29	7	Kansas
61	Scully, John	C	6-5	255	24	2	Notre Dame
65	Smith, Don	DT	6-5	248	25	4	Miami
62	Stanback, Harry	DE	6-5	255	24	1	North Carolina
25	Strong, Ray	RB	5-9	184	26	5	Nev./Las Vegas
72	Teague, Matthew	DE	6-5	240	24	2	Prairie View
68	Thielemann, R.C.	G	6-4	247	27	6	Arkansas
57	Van Note, Jeff	C	6-2	247	36	14	Kentucky
52	White, Lyman	LB	6-0	217	23	2	LSU
58	Williams, Joel	LB	6-0	215	26	4	Wis./LaCrosse
30	Woerner, Scott	S	6-0	195	24	2	Georgia
79	Yeates, Jeff	DE	6-3	248	31	11	Boston College
63	Zele, Mike	DT	6-3	236	26	4	Kent State

DRAFTEES

rd	name	pos	ht	wt	age	college
1	Riggs, Gerald	FB	6-1	225	22	Arizona St.
2	Rogers, Doug	DE	6-4	255	22	Stanford
3	Bailey, Stacey	WR	5-11	165	22	San Jose St.
4	Brown, Reggie	RB	5-11	210	21	Oregon
5	Mansfield, Von	DB	5-10	185	22	Wisconsin
6	Kelley, Mike	QB	6-2	190	22	Georgia Tech
7	Tolouma, David	RB	5-11	190	22	Hawaii
8	Eberhardt, Ricky	DB	6-0	180	22	Morris Brown
9	Horan, Mike	P	6-0	175	22	Long Beach St.
10	Stowers, Curtis	LB	6-1	218	22	Miss. St.
11	Keller, Jeff	WR	6-0	188	22	Wash. St.
12	Levenick, Dave	LB	6-2	216	22	Wisconsin

Two of Bartkowski's receivers, wideout Alfred Jenkins and tight end Junior Miller, joined him in the Pro Bowl last season. Jenkins had a sensational year. He led the league in receiving yardage with 1,358 and tied for most touchdown catches with 13.

"I've never seen a receiver have a finer season than Alfred," said Bennett. "He was simply amazing." Although only 5-9, 155, Jenkins plays more like 6-2 because of his jumping and timing ability. Of the 20 bombs Bartkowski has thrown over 40 yards the last two years, Jenkins has caught 13.

The Falcons were disappointed in the production of Jenkins's counterpart, Wallace Francis, who fell from 54 catches two years ago to 30. Finishing ahead of Francis was Alfred Jackson with 37 catches and six touchdowns. Always a dependable substitute, Jackson has caught 97 passes for 15 touchdowns during the past four seasons and could be ready to replace Francis in the starting lineup. To provide depth and speed to the group, the Falcons took a gamble on San Jose State receiver Stacey Bailey in the third round of the draft. Bailey is small, but he was rated among the fastest and best receivers on the board until a knee injury flared up during his senior year.

Miller did not match his 1980 rookie season, dropping from 54 to 32 receptions and from nine to three touchdowns. Nevertheless, he was named as a late replacement in the Pro Bowl.

"I think things may have just happened too quickly for Junior his first season," said Bennett. "I think he has a better idea of what it takes to be successful in the NFL for the long haul." Miller's size, speed, hands, and blocking ability make him a key factor in Bartkowski's passing game. Russ Mikeska is the second tight end.

There is no better all-around back in football than William Andrews, who has the statistics to prove it. He joined O.J. Simpson, Jim Brown, Walter Payton, and Wilbert Montgomery as the only backs in history to gain over 2,000 yards rushing and receiving in one season. Andrews ran for 1,301 yards, missing his own club record by just seven yards. He caught 81 passes for 736 yards, breaking the club record for number of receptions.

"When you consider that his strength out of college was his blocking ability, it is obvious what kind of talent William has," said Bennett.

Riggs would be easy to fit into the lineup if it were not for halfback Lynn Cain, who with Andrews make up the best set of backs in football, according to Bennett. Cain caught 55 passes last year and rushed for 538 yards. At 6-1, 205, he is an inch taller and five pounds heavier than Andrews. Neither has breakaway speed. The bigger Riggs may be the fastest of the three. It is suspected that Riggs will be able to spell either starter, if not beat out Cain. Over the last two years, Andrews and Cain have accounted for 98 percent of the running and receiving production from Falcon backs. James Mayberry provides very good back-up and short yardage help. He is also an excellent special-teams player.

The most impressive unit on the Falcons is the offensive line. Tackle Mike Kenn, guard R.C. Thielemann, and center Jeff Van Note all went to the Pro Bowl. Tackle Warren Bryant and guard Dave Scott are the club's two best run blockers. Back-up tackle Eric Sanders and guard Pat Howell are ready to challenge for starting jobs. John Scully is a promising back-up for the only aging starter, Van Note. Left tackle Kenn is the best of the group and maybe the best in football.

If the Falcon defense can approach the offense in skill and production, Atlanta will be hard to beat. A pass rush is the first priority. Bennett might have to juggle personnel to get it. The Falcon ends, Jeff Merrow and Jeff Yeates, are excellent against the run, but lack skill as pure pass rushers. Perhaps the team's best past rusher is Don Smith, who was moved to nose tackle in 1980 and might move back outside this year. Falcon coaches felt no one in the league played nose tackle better than Smith did last year, but he could be more valuable outside. Much depends on the development of back-up nose tackle Mike Zele. Others who could be a factor in improving the outside rush are Wilson Faumuina and Matthew Teague.

The Falcons took another chance in the second round of the draft by tabbing Stanford defensive end Doug Rogers. He was ranked no better than No. 8 at his position in a thin crop, but the Falcons obviously rated him higher. If he

Atlanta wide receiver Alfred Jenkins

comes through, a major problem could be alleviated.

The Falcons dropped off from 46 sacks in 1980 to 29 last year mainly because of a knee injury to blitzing linebacker Joel Williams, who had 16 sacks himself in 1980. Linebacker Al Richardson blitzed in place of Williams last year and led the club in sacks with 10½, but his interceptions fell from eight to one. If Williams cannot come back, Bennett hopes second-year man Lyman White can develop. Inside, Buddy Curry and Fulton Kuykendall provide hard-hitting, reliable linebacking. The addition of Terry Beeson from Seattle will lend depth.

The Falcons are in dire need of more speed in the secondary. The lack of a consistent pass rush puts even more pressure on the unit. Cornerback Bobby Bryant played well but inconsistently as a rookie.

"He needs to gain more confidence," said Bennett.

Opposite Butler is Kenny Johnson, who might be more suited to safety. Bennett would love to get lucky with low draft choice Ricky Eberhart of Morris Brown. Ranked among the best backs in a weak year for corners, Eberhart had a knee injury. He has the speed Bennett wants, and the Falcons have been lucky before with late-round picks. (Richardson was an eighth-rounder.) Sub corner Earl Jones also has speed, but needs to improve his technique. The status of injured veteran Rolland Lawrence is questionable.

Safeties Bob Glazebrook and Tom Pridemore are aggressive run-stoppers. Pridemore, a member of the West Virginia legislature, also led the club in interceptions with seven. Backing up the middle are Scott Woerner, Blane Gaison, and special-teams star Tom Moriarty. Woerner proved to be good enough returning punts and kickoffs that the Falcons cut little Reggie Smith, their leading kickoff returner, during the offseason.

Veteran punter John James has lost distance

but retains accuracy. Young Mick Luckhurst kicks off long and set a team record for points. Overall special-team play must improve. Two touchdown returns on punts by Los Angeles beat them and a blocked punt against the Giants led to a three-point loss.

LOS ANGELES RAMS

The Rams are one team, perhaps the only one in the NFC, clearly on the way down. They missed the playoffs for the first time in eight seasons last year and they missed it with a resounding thud. Their 6-10 record was the club's first losing season since 1972. The went out like lambs, surrendering to the Washington. Redskins, 30-7. Coach Ray Malavasi, backed by owner Georgia Frontiere, then fired five assistant coaches, a very unusual, if not desperate, maneuver.

They were hurt in their offensive line and old in their defensive line. They switched quarterbacks 14 times in 16 games. Their No. 1 draft choice, linebacker Mel Owens, didn't play until the final game. They had one outstanding receiver, Preston Dennard, and their once-overflowing supply of running backs dwindled to a single threat, Wendell Tyler. Their six-time all-pro center and team leader, Rich Saul, retired. Their respected general manager, Don Klosterman, was relegated to a lesser role in the organization.

The question is: can Bert Jones remedy all this? The former Baltimore quarterback once was credited with carrying the Colts to the playoffs on his broad shoulders. At age 30, can he do it again? Can his once-magnificent arm halt the Rams' slide? Or will he recall memories of Joe Namath and Dan Pastorini, two washed-up heroes who had hoped for one last shot at a leading role and then found themselves playing bit parts in another Hollywood soap opera?

"The man's got experience, he's a team man, and a leader-type. This isn't like getting Namath or Pastorini," said Malavasi.

"The best thing that could have happened to me did happen," said Jones. "Georgia wants a winner, and what Georgia wants, I'm going to try to get her."

Jones was referring to Mrs. Frontiere, not to the Atlanta Falcons, although the Rams face considerable odds in trying to finish ahead of either the Falcons or San Francisco 49ers.

Jones cost the Rams a No. 1 and a No. 2 draft choice, so he is not likely to find himself locked in a battle for the No. 1 job with Jeff Rutledge, or even with Vince Ferragamo—if Ferragamo returns. Pat Haden saw the handwriting on the wall and retired.

Jones has played in 30 of 32 games over the past two years, proof that he has recovered from the shoulder injury that kept him out of 25 games in 1978 and 1979. But during the past two seasons, the Colts were 9-23, proof that Jones cannot do it alone. Granted, the Colts have slipped much further than the Rams, who know they must provide help for Jones.

They started immediately after acquiring him by landing Houston tight end Mike Barber in another trade. Then with their second pick in the first round, they picked a solid running back, Richmond's Barry Redden. Five of their next seven draft picks were for offense, three of them offensive linemen, once the team's strength.

Like Jones, Barber has overcome a history of injury to play consistently during the last two years. The Oilers preferred Dave Casper to Barber, whom they tried to peddle as soon as the season ended. Barber will vie for the position with another castoff, Henry Childs, a former New Orleans standout who missed half the year with a foot injury. To underline their concern at the position, the Rams spent a sixth-round draft choice on another tight end, Kerry Locklin of New Mexico State.

More help is needed at wide receiver, where Dennard is the only exceptional and consistent performer. He became a favorite target last year with 49 catches for 821 yards and four touchdowns. Billy Waddy has speed but failed to score in 31 catches in 1981. Drew Hill was the top deep threat with a 22.2-yard average, but that came on only 16 catches. He is too small to play full-time. Willie Miller, now 33, caught only ten passes and may be through. There is speculation the Rams may try to get Roger Carr from Baltimore to make Jones feel more at home.

"One guy we really want to take a look at is George Farmer," said Malavasi. "He has been hurt the last couple of years and not many people know much about him, but he has looked good in practice."

In a year filled with good running back prospects, Redden was second to Arizona State's Gerald Riggs on the list of fullbacks. The 5-10, 205-pounder with a picture-perfect body finished third in the nation in rushing last year, behind Marcus Allen and Herschel Walker. Redden put together a string of 16 straight 100-yard games at Richmond and gained 101 yards in only 12 carries in the Senior Bowl. Able to bench press 475 pounds, he appears ready to succeed the aging Cullen Bryant, not only as a top fullback but as a weightlifting champion.

Bryant is now entering his 10th season, unusual longevity for a runner. He lost his starting job to young Mike Guman in the final four weeks last year. Redden should be able to provide more speed than either Bryant or Guman.

Tyler remains the team's biggest outside threat. He recovered nicely from his 1980 hip injury and wriggled his way to 1,074 yards and 12 rushing touchdowns. He added five more TD's receiving. Jewerl Thomas will be trying to regain the form he showed in his rookie year of 1980 when he gained 147 and 144 yards in his first two starts. Last season, he dropped to 118 yards all year. Two second-year candidates for back-up spots are Robert Alexander, who was impressive until a preseason knee injury sidelined him, and Jairo Penaranda, who won team rookie-of-the-year honors with his special-teams play.

The success of Jones, Barber, Redden, and any other ball-handling offensive player depends on how well the Rams' offensive line rebounds from injury. Once the great strength of a solid club, the line suffered the loss of tackles Doug France, Jackie Slater, and Irv Pankey last year. Center-guard Doug Smith was forced to play tackle. Ram quarterbacks

1981 LEADERS AND NFC RANKINGS

SCORING—Tyler, 102 points on 17 touchdowns...5th
RUSHING—Tyler, 260 carries for 1,074 yards, 4.1 avg., 12 TD's...8th
PASSING—Haden, 138 of 267 attempts for 1,815 yards, 9 TD's...12th
RECEIVING—Dennard, 49 receptions for 821 yards, 16.8 avg., 4 TD's...22nd
INTERCEPTIONS—Cromwell, 5 for 94 yards, 18.8 avg...16th
PUNTING—Corral, 89 punts, 42.0 avg., longest 67 yards...4th
PUNT RETURNS—Irvin, 46 for 615 yards, 13.4 avg., 3 TD's...1st
KICKOFF RETURNS—Hill, 60 for 1,170 yards, 19.5 avg...15th

PRESEASON SCHEDULE

August	14	DENVER (N)
	19	At Cleveland (N)
	28	SEATTLE (N)
September	4	SAN DIEGO (N)

1982 SCHEDULE			1981 SCORES
September	12	At Green Bay (Milwaukee)	35-23
	19	DETROIT	20-13
	26	At Philadelphia	—
October	3	At St. Louis	—
	10	ATLANTA	21-16
	17	At San Francisco	17-20
	24	NEW ORLEANS	13-21
	31	At San Diego	—
November	7	At New Orleans	17-23
	14	NEW YORK GIANTS	7-10
	21	At Atlanta	37-35
	28	KANSAS CITY	—
December	2	SAN FRANCISCO (N)	31-33
	12	DENVER	—
	18	At Oakland	—
	26	CHICAGO	24-7

Rams' wide receiver Preston Dennard will be joined on offense this year by top draft Barry Redden, tight end Mike Barber, and quarterback Bert Jones (l. to r.).

were sacked 50 times, up from 29 the year before. They threw 32 interceptions, up from 25. The rushing game netted only 140 yards per game, down from 175 the year before. Smith will move to center to replace the veteran Saul.

"The retirement of Saul will really hurt because he was such a leader and he has not slowed down much despite his age," said Malavasi.

Former all-pro France came off shoulder surgery last season. But in his only start, he injured his other shoulder and had to have another operation. His status for 1982 is very much in doubt. Pankey replaced France on the left side, but he was bothered by a knee injury. Right tackle Slater is plenty good when healthy, but he was slowed by a hamstring problem late in the year.

These uncertainties are why the Rams drafted tackle Wally Kersten from Minnesota in the fifth round and center Bill Bechtold of Oklahoma in the third round. The situation at guard is more stable, with former all-pros Dennis Harrah and Kent Hill starting their eighth and fourth years, respectively. Hill is one of the league's better pulling guards. Bill Bain is a veteran back-up guard and George Lilja is a possibility at center.

"Bain has probably improved more than any other player," said Malavasi.

The Rams plummeted from second in the league in offense in 1980 to 24th last year. The defense stayed respectable, falling from fourth to eighth. If injury or age catches up with the defense in 1982 as it did with the offense in 1981, it could be a long season for Malavasi.

The possibility of a defensive tailspin is there. Three of the four starters on the defensive line are in their 30's and the other is 29. They played well last year and recorded 43 sacks. But Malavasi is contemplating change. Jack Youngblood remains the same solid leader at age 32. He led the team in sacks last year with 12. This is unusual for a left end, but Youngblood has been an unusual pro. The other end spot is less settled. Cody Jones played there last year, replacing the retired Fred Dryer. But Malavasi likes the potential of second-year men Greg Meisner and Bob Cobb.

Jones also might have to move to tackle because veteran Larry Brooks had knee surgery last year. If Jones moves, back-up tackle Reggie Doss probably will switch back to his old position of end to give Meisner and Cobb competition. Another end candidate is fifth-round draftee Doug Barnett. Tackle Mike Fanning is the youngster of the starting unit at 29 and is solidly entrenched. Backing up at tackle is 300-pounder Phil Murphy. Malavasi said he may experiment with some three-man line, especially if Brooks fails to come back strong.

Even though high draft choices Owens and Jim Collins failed to contribute much as rookies last season, the linebacking corps remains strong. Carl Ekern proved he could play in the middle. A fifth-year pro, he replaced Jack Reynolds and led the team in tackles. Veteran Jim Youngblood and young George Andrews are solid, dependable outside linebackers, although Jim is age 32. Joe Harris is a reliable reserve and plays in nickel situations. Free agent Howard Carson was a promising middle linebacker until an injury stopped him. Collins will try to challenge in the middle and Owens will try to prove a worthy No. 1 choice outside.

"We are most interested in both Collins and Owens and will give them a lot of work this summer," said Malavasi.

The one unit on the Rams that has shown no deterioration is the secondary, one of football's outstanding groups. It helped the team finish second in the league in pass defense, up from third the year before. Each man is quick, aggressive, and able to cover man-to-man. The star is Nolan Cromwell, perhaps the best athlete on the team and the best free safety in the business. He led the team in interceptions with five and finished second to Ekern in tackles. Sidekick Johnny Johnson is a potential all-pro at strong safety. He had four quarterback sacks and is approaching his prime in his third year.

Cornerback Rod Perry is one of the league's best. Malavasi felt he deserved to repeat his 1980 trip to the Pro Bowl. One reason he didn't, perhaps, is that quarterbacks avoided him and picked on the other side, where young LeRoy Irvin was doing an excellent job replacing another former all-pro, Pat Thomas. If Thomas can return to form off his nagging injuries, the Rams could be better than ever. Lucious Smith, Kirk Collins, and Ivory Sully also provide dependable reserve strength.

Irvin not only played well at cornerback, he led the NFL in punt returns, running back three for touchdowns. His 207 yards in punt returns and two touchdowns against Atlanta set a league record. Drew Hill set a club record for kickoff returns, which often happens to losing teams. Frank Corral, the league's only placekicker-punter, finished fourth in the NFC in punting with a 42-yard average. He hopes to improve his consistency on field goals.

Mike Guman (left) plays fullback and Jim Youngblood (#53 below) linebacker for Los Angeles.

RAMS VETERAN ROSTER

no	name	pos	ht	wt	age	NFL exp	college
52	Andrews, George	LB	6-3	221	27	4	Nebraska
84	Arnold, Walt	TE	6-3	230	24	3	New Mexico
62	Bain, Bill	G	6-4	285	30	7	Southern Cal
	Barber, Mike	TE	6-3	225	29	6	La. Tech
81	Battle, Ron	TE	6-3	225	23	2	N. Texas St.
90	Brooks, Larry	DT	6-3	255	32	11	Va. State
32	Bryant, Cullen	FB	6-1	235	31	10	Colorado
54	Carson, Howard	LB	6-2	230	25	2	Howard Payne
57	Celotto, Mario	LB	6-3	228	26	4	Southern Cal
83	Childs, Henry	TE	6-2	226	31	9	Kansas St.
97	Cobb, Bob	DE	6-4	250	25	2	Arizona
50	Collins, Jim	LB	6-2	230	24	2	Syracuse
42	Collins, Kirk	CB	5-11	183	24	2	Baylor
3	Corral, Frank	K	6-2	233	27	5	UCLA
21	Cromwell, Nolan	S	6-1	200	27	6	Kansas
88	Dennard, Preston	WR	6-1	183	27	5	New Mexico
71	Doss, Reggie	DT	6-4	263	26	5	Hampton Inst.
55	Ekern, Carl	LB	6-3	222	28	6	San Jose St.
79	Fanning, Mike	DT	6-6	255	29	8	Notre Dame
77	France, Doug	T	6-5	270	29	8	Ohio St.
44	Guman, Mike	HB	6-2	218	24	3	Penn St.
60	Harrah, Dennis	G	6-5	255	29	8	Miami
51	Harris, Joe	LB	6-1	230	30	7	Georgia Tech
87	Hill, Drew	WR	5-9	170	26	4	Georgia Tech
72	Hill, Kent	G	6-5	260	25	4	Georgia Tech
47	Irvin, LeRoy	CB	5-11	184	25	3	Kansas
20	Johnson, Johnnie	S	6-1	183	26	3	Texas
	Jones, Bert	QB	6-3	209	31	10	LSU
76	Jones, Cody	DE	6-5	255	31	8	San Jose St.
9	Kemp, Jeff	QB	6-0	201	23	2	Dartmouth
69	Meisner, Greg	DE	6-3	253	23	2	Pittsburgh
82	Miller, Willie	WR	5-9	173	34	7	Colorado St.
86	Moore, Jeff	WR	6-1	188	25	3	Tennessee
95	Murphy, Phil	DT	6-5	300	25	3	SC St.
58	Owens, Mel	LB	6-2	224	24	2	Michigan
75	Pankey, Irv	T	6-4	267	24	3	Penn St.
22	Penaranda, Jairo	FB	5-11	215	24	2	UCLA
49	Perry, Rod	CB	5-9	185	29	8	Colorado
8	Rutledge, Jeff	QB	6-2	187	25	4	Alabama
78	Slater, Jackie	T	6-4	271	28	7	Jackson St.
56	Smith, Doug	C-G	6-3	253	26	5	Bowling Green
23	Smith, Lucious	CB	5-10	190	25	3	Fullerton
37	Sully, Ivory	S	6-0	201	25	4	Delaware
33	Thomas, Jewerl	FB	5-10	228	25	3	San Jose St.
27	Thomas, Pat	CB	5-9	190	28	7	Texas A&M
26	Tyler, Wendell	HB	5-10	198	27	5	UCLA
80	Waddy, Billy	WR	5-11	190	28	6	Colorado
85	Youngblood, Jack	DE	6-4	242	32	12	Florida
53	Youngblood, Jim	LB	6-3	231	32	10	Tenn Tech

DRAFTEES

rd	name	pos	ht	wt	age	college
1	Redden, Barry	FB	5-10	205	22	Richmond
3	Bechtold, Bill	C	6-4	255	23	Oklahoma
4	Gaylord, Jeff	LB	6-3	230	24	Missouri
5	Kersten, Wally	OT	6-5	270	23	Minnesota
5	Barnett, Doug	DE	6-3	250	22	Azusa Pacific
6	Locklin, Kerry	TE	6-3	217	23	New Mexico St.
7	Shearin, Joe	OG	6-4	250	22	Texas
8	Jones, A.J.	RB	6-1	202	23	Texas
8	Reilly, Mike	LB	6-4	217	23	Oklahoma
9	Speight, Bob	OT	6-4	260	24	Boston U.
10	McPherson, Miles	S	6-0	175	22	New Haven
11	Coffman, Rickey	WR	5-11	190	24	UCLA
12	Coley, Ray	DE	6-3	250	23	Alabama A&M

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NEW ORLEANS SAINTS

Last year, the Saints were able to brag, "We're Better, By George!" This year, the Saints hope to be able to do something catchy with the words "great" and "Scott." If No. 1 draft choice Lindsay Scott can catch as well as George Rogers runs, the Saints will be no fun for other NFC West rivals to stop.

Although the Saints probably need more than Rogers and Scott, the coach is trying hard to make sure there is only one Bum on the team. Bum Phillips played 15 rookies last season and saw improvement from 1-15 to 4-12. After drafting ten more this time and adding veteran linebacker Dennis Winston by trade, Phillips decided he had enough new faces. He traded his final five picks to the Washington Redskins for a fourth-round choice next year. Then he started trading next year's draft choices and landed Green Bay property Bruce Clark, who played defensive tackle in the Canadian league for two years. Players are what this game is all about and Phillips has wasted no time shuffling bodies through the perpetually swinging doors of the Superdome.

"When you go out to construct a building, you don't start on the sixth floor. You start on the foundation," Phillips said.

Six rookies started in every game last

1981 LEADERS AND NFC RANKINGS

SCORING—Rogers, 78 points on 13 touchdowns. . .T14th
RUSHING—Rogers, 378 carries for 1,674 yards, 4.4 avg., 13 TD's. . .1st
PASSING—Manning, 134 of 232 attempts for 1,447 yards, 5 TD's. . .13th
RECEIVING—Holmes, 38 receptions for 206 yards, 5.4 avg. . .37th
INTERCEPTIONS—Waymer, 4 for 54 yards, 13.5 avg. . . 23rd
PUNTING—Erxleben, 66 punts, 40.5 avg., longest 60 yards. . .12th
PUNT RETURNS—Groth, 37 for 436 yards, 11.8 avg. . .3rd
KICKOFF RETURNS—W. Wilson, 31 for 722 yards, 23.3 avg. . .5th

PRESEASON SCHEDULE

August	12	At Houston (N)
	21	KANSAS CITY (N)
	28	CLEVELAND (N)
September	3	At Minnesota (N)

1982 SCHEDULE			1981 SCORES
September	12	ST. LOUIS	3-30
	19	At Chicago	—
	26	DENVER	—
October	3	At Oakland	—
	10	SAN FRANCISCO	17-21
	17	At Minnesota	10-20
	24	At Los Angeles	21-13
	31	ATLANTA	10-41
November	7	LOS ANGELES	23-17
	14	At San Diego	—
	21	KANSAS CITY	—
	28	At San Francisco	14-21
December	5	TAMPA BAY	14-31
	12	At Atlanta	0-27
	19	At Dallas	—
	26	WASHINGTON	—

Quarterback Archie Manning begins his twelfth season in New Orleans, defensive tackle Bruce Clark (#54) his first, after two years in Toronto.

season. There is optimism for the future, buoyed by Phillips's homespun personality. Yet New Orleans fans can't help but wonder in the backs of their long-suffering minds whether they haven't gone through all this before.

Sure, George Rogers led the league in rushing last season with 1,674 yards. But two years before that, didn't Chuck Muncie and Tony Galbreath gain 1,906 yards between them? Rogers was wonderful, more than living up to his No. 1 ranking, but it wasn't as though Saints' fans never had seen runners.

And what about this new quarterback? Dave Wilson looked good, but no one can argue the Saints never had a quarterback. It took Archie Manning eight years before stringing together his best seasons. Will it take Wilson that long?

As for newcomer Scott, does he have any more talent than Wes Chandler, the man he replaces? And the place-kicker, Morten Andersen. Didn't the Saints only recently draft a place-kicker named Russell Erxleben?

Finally, is Phillips any different from any of the other Saints' coaches in owner John Mecom's parade?

So far, Saints fans can only hope this time around will be different. One thing for sure: the defense is different. After finishing dead last in defense in 1980, before Phillips's arrival, the Saints zoomed to 11th. They were dead last not only in total defense, but in defense against the run. Phillips also brought that up to 11th. The defense against the pass slipped from 12th to 20th, but in 1980, nobody had to pass against these guys.

Phillips started on the ground floor, offensively and defensively. "We accomplished what we set out to do with the running game and we proved that we could defend against the run," said Phillips. "We'll start to work now on other things. I didn't like the way we played pass defense, but we only played three basic coverages all season. We wanted to keep things simple. This year we'll be able to add more things, more sophistication, both offensively and defensively.

"Last year, we knew George could run, and we knew the line could block straight ahead. The simplest thing to get going is the running game, and that's what we did. It was the same on defense. We thought we could work on stopping the run and we did."

Phase two of the operation is to pass and to stop the pass. Enter Scott and Ken Duckett and maybe a Canadian ace, Eugene Goodlow. On defense, enter Rodney Lewis, John Krimm, and Clark.

The Saints finished last in the league in passing last season after placing fourth the year before. Archie Manning was healthy for only two games and threw only five touchdown passes all year. After three consecutive 3,000-yard passing seasons, he fell to 1,447 in 1981. At age 33, is he through? Surely his bones must feel like 43. Only his remarkable spirit keeps him young and eager. How long can that last?

The plan is to give Manning and Wilson equal playing time in the preseason. The hope, privately, has to be that Wilson will sparkle, that he will leave no doubt, and that the Saints can get on with their next life. To accomplish this, Wilson will have to show he is capable of throwing more than one touchdown pass and fewer than 11 interceptions, his 1981 totals. Few observers doubt the talent is there. Wilson was thrown into the pros a year earlier than he would have preferred because of an eligibility hassle between the University of Illinois and the Big Ten. If he succeeds early, it will give the Saints the opportunity to seek a trade for Manning. After so many years of faithful service, this would be the humanitarian thing to do rather than force him to remain as a tutor. It might also provide the Saints with another decent draft choice. Bobby Scott has been a Saint for as long as Manning and is a reliable reserve quarterback.

Finding receivers is a priority this summer, starting with Scott. The 6-foot, 188-pound Georgia star is known for making the tough catch. Not particularly speedy in the 40-yard dash, Scott has "competitive speed," according to Saints' coaches. "He runs as fast as he has to," said New Orleans personnel director Bob Whitman.

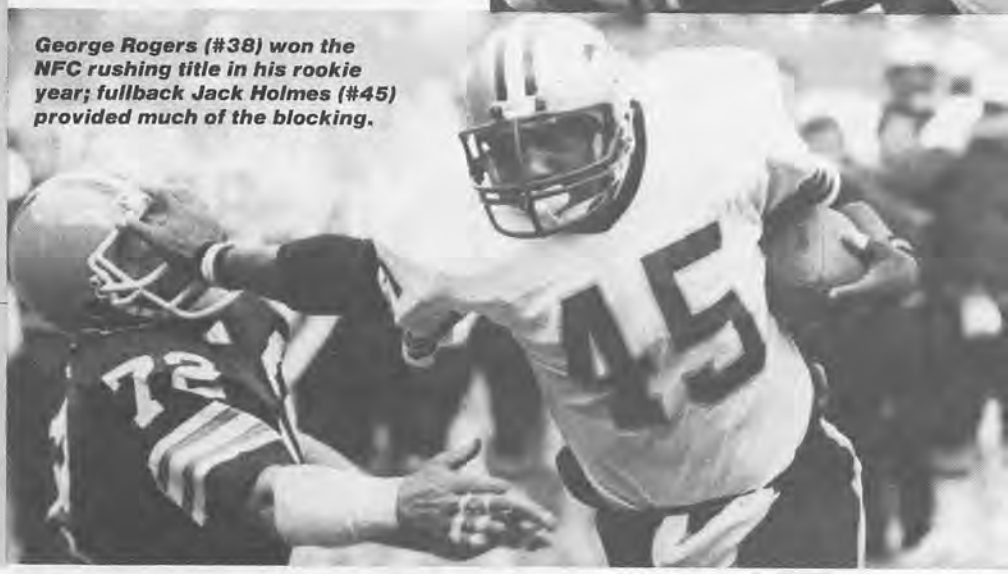
Scott is penciled in as a starter on one side. Third-rounder Duckett is in a position to start, too, but there is a crowd at the employment window. Guido Merkens and Jeff Groth were the starters most of last year. Ike Harris, Tinker Owens, Rich Mauti, and Aundra Thompson all were either out with or slowed by injuries. If none of them steps forward, Phillips will shove the job Duckett's way. The Wake Forest product is faster than Scott and has outstanding

SAINTS VETERAN ROSTER

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Age	NFL Exp.	College
61	Adams, Sam	G	6-3	260	34	11	Prairie View
63	Bennett, Barry	DT	6-4	257	26	5	Concordia
91	Bennett, Monte	DT	6-3	260	23	2	Kansas St.
50	Bordelon, Ken	LB	6-4	226	28	6	LSU
77	Boyarsky, Jerry	DT	6-3	290	23	2	Pittsburgh
85	Brenner, Hoby	TE	6-4	240	23	2	USC
67	Brock, Stan	T	6-6	275	24	3	Colorado
	Clark, Bruce	DL	6-2	260		R	Penn St.
14	Erxleben, Russell	P	6-4	219	25	3	Texas
59	Evans, Chuck	LB	6-3	235	26	3	Stanford
20	Gary, Russell	SS	5-11	195	23	2	Nebraska
78	Grooms, Elois	DE	6-4	250	29	8	Tenn. Tech
48	Groth, Jeff	WR	5-10	172	25	4	Bowling Green
87	Hardy, Larry	TE	6-3	230	26	5	Jackson St.
82	Harris, Ike	WR	6-3	210	30	8	Iowa St.
62	Hill, John	C	6-2	246	32	11	Lehigh
45	Holmes, Jack	FB	6-0	210	29	5	Tex. Southern
69	Hudson, Nat	G	6-3	270	25	2	Georgia
57	Jackson, Rickey	LB	6-2	230	24	2	Pittsburgh
52	Kovach, Jim	LB	6-2	225	26	4	Kentucky
64	Lafary, Dave	T	6-7	280	27	6	Purdue
8	Manning, Archie	QB	6-3	200	33	12	Mississippi
86	Martini, Rich	WR	6-2	185	27	4	Cal-Davis
56	Mathis, Reggie	LB	6-2	220	26	3	Oklahoma
84	Mauti, Rich	WR	6-0	190	28	5	Penn St.
19	Merkens, Guido	WR	6-1	195	27	5	Sam Houston St.
74	Moore, Derland	DT	6-4	253	31	10	Oklahoma
37	Myers, Tommy	FS	6-0	180	32	11	Syracuse
55	Nairne, Rob	LB	6-4	227	28	6	Oregon St.
83	Owens, Tinker	WR	5-11	170	28	6	Oklahoma
53	Pelluer, Scott	LB	6-2	215	23	2	Washington St.
76	Pietrzak, Jim	C	6-5	260	29	8	E. Michigan
25	Poe, Johnnie	CB	6-1	182	23	2	Missouri
58	Redd, Glen	LB	6-1	225	24	2	BYU
1	Ricardo, Benny	K	5-10	170	28	6	San Diego St.
38	Rogers, George	RB	6-1	224	24	2	South Carolina
41	Rogers, Jimmy	RB	5-10	190	27	3	Oklahoma
54	Ryczek, Paul	C	6-2	245	30	8	Virginia
12	Scott, Bobby	QB	6-1	197	33	11	Tennessee
47	Spivey, Mike	CB	6-0	198	28	6	Colorado
32	Stauch, Scott	FB	5-11	204	23	2	UCLA
68	Sturt, Fred	G	6-4	235	31	8	Bowling Green
71	Taylor, James	T	6-4	265	26	5	Missouri
89	Thompson, Aundra	WR	6-1	186	29	6	E. Tex. St.
42	Tyler, Toussaint	FB	6-2	220	23	2	Washington
73	Warren, Frank	DE	6-4	275	23	2	Auburn
49	Wattelet, Frank	FS	6-0	185	24	2	Kansas
44	Waymer, Dave	CB	6-1,	195	24	3	Notre Dame
94	Wilks, Jim	DT	6-4	252	24	2	San Diego St.
18	Wilson, Dave	QB	6-3	195	23	2	Illinois
30	Wilson, Wayne	RB	6-3	208	25	4	Shepherd
54	Winston, Dennis	LB	6-0	228	27	6	Arkansas

DRAFTEES

rd	name	pos	ht	wt	age	college
1	Scott, Lindsay	WR	6-1	190	22	Georgia
2	Edelman, Brad	C	6-6	255	22	Missouri
3	Lewis, Rodney	DB	5-11	190	23	Nebraska
3	Goodlow, Eugene	WR	6-2	190	23	Kansas St.
3	Duckett, Kenny	WR	6-0	187	23	Wake Forest
3	Krimm, John	S	6-2	190	22	Notre Dame
4	Andersen, Morten	K	6-2	190	22	Michigan St.
5	Elliott, Tony	DE	6-2	247	23	N. Texas St.
6	Lewis, Marvin	RB	6-3	208	22	Tulane
8	Slaughter, Chuck	OT	6-5	260	23	South Carolina



George Rogers (#38) won the NFC rushing title in his rookie year; fullback Jack Holmes (#45) provided much of the blocking.

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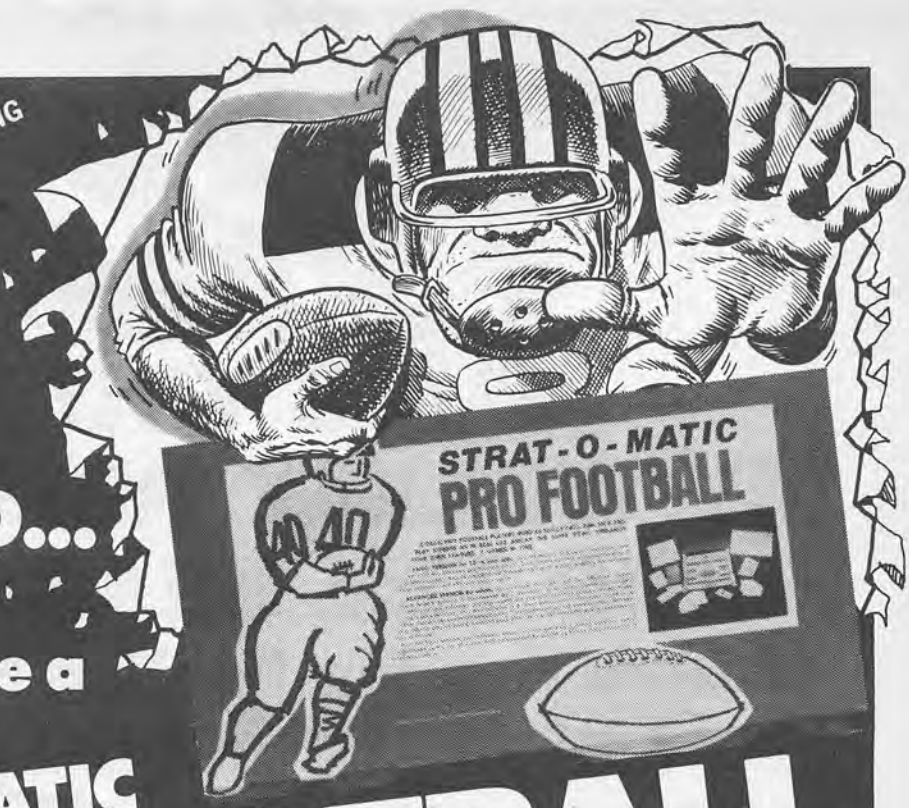

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potential. Some teams shied away from him because he is a diabetic.

Drafted ahead of Duckett in the third round was Goodlow, who played with Winnipeg in the Canadian League last year and is not supposed to be eligible for the NFL until 1983. If strings can be pulled, however, Goodlow could dramatically change the receiving picture.

Competition at tight end will be almost as interesting as competition at quarterback. Although Larry Hardy has done a good job of replacing talented Henry Childs, newcomer Hoby Brenner pushed enough to earn a long look in his second year. If Phillips is unable to choose between them, there is always the two tight end attack with Rogers the lone setback, a formation Phillips used in Houston with Dave Casper, Mike Barber, and Earl Campbell.

Rogers will be a marked man this year, more so than he was as a rookie. For this reason, Phillips hopes to diversify his attack, both by using Rogers more in the passing game and by subbing for him. Rogers had more carries than any other back in football last year.

Wayne Wilson led the team with four touchdown catches last year and is capable of spelling Rogers. At fullback, Jack Holmes proved a worthy complement to Rogers's talent. Second-year man Toussaint Tyler also is in the picture, along with a rookie, Marvin Lewis. The 6-3, 208-pound Lewis was a sixth-round pick from Tulane whom Phillips really likes.

"He can play fullback or halfback. He's a tough kid who can carry the ball 30 times a game. He's as good a pick as we made in this draft," said Burn.

Rogers's presence did wonders for the confidence of the Saints' line, which is pretty good and getting better. If J.T. Taylor can return from knee surgery to reclaim his left spot, the tackles will be in solid hands. Stan Brock plays the right side and is on his way to the Pro Bowl. Veteran Sam Adams is the right guard. Second-year man Nat Hudson is pushing Fred Sturt at left guard. John Hill is a solid veteran at center, and Missouri's Brad Edelman was drafted in the second round. A center in college, Edelman could line up at tackle or guard as well. Jim Pietrzak and Dave Lafary are veteran reserves at tackle and guard.

Eight rookies made significant contributions on defense last year and Phillips is counting on at least two more draftees to do the same in 1982. Taking a page from the San Francisco 49ers' draft book, the Saints could go to battle with a kiddie secondary. Rodney Lewis had a disappointing year at Nebraska, but will be reunited with former teammate Russell Gary and his old coach, defensive backfield mentor Lance Van Zandt. Lewis could move out either second-year man Johnnie Poe or third-year man Dave Waymer at cornerback. Gary appears settled at strong safety, but Krimm could push veteran Tommy Myers at free safety. Frank Wattelet, another second-year man, was an effective nickel back who is also in the picture at safety. Phillips is expected to experiment with several combinations in the secondary before settling on a starting four.

The addition of Dirt Winston from Pittsburgh gives the Saints flexibility at linebacker.

"He might be the best non-starting linebacker in the league," said Burn.

If Winston can't unseat Rob Nairne or Ken Bordelon on the right side of the 3-4 defense, he can challenge inside starters Glen Redd and Jim Kovach. Redd surprised everyone in his rookie season last year by leading the team in tackles. The left side is in the talented hands of second-year man Ricky Jackson, who arguably is the best linebacker in the Saints' history. That is meant to say more for Jackson than for history. He led the club in sacks with eight. Ex-starter Reggie Mathis will return from injury to provide depth outside.

The line was one of Phillips's more successful projects. Four rookies joined veteran ends Derland Moore and Elois Grooms to form an effective two-platoon system. Nose tackle Jerry Boyarsky started between Moore and Grooms, but the three shared time almost equally with rookies Frank Warren, Monte Bennett, and Jim Wilks. The first group garnered six sacks, the second group eight. When Phillips went to the four-man rush, Wilks and Warren played inside Moore and Grooms. Clark is expected to make his presence felt immediately, at either tackle or end.

Jeff Groth finished fourth in the league in punt returns and Wayne Wilson finished tenth in kickoff returns. Place-kicker Benny Ricardo had an off year, so the presence of Andersen, who kicked a 63-yarder against Ohio State last year, is designed to correct that one way or another. Erxleben is strictly a punter now. He has yet to live up to his potential, but he is still young and there is still hope. That has been the story of the Saints' franchise.

Linebacker Rickey Jackson (#57), strong safety Russell Gary (#20), cornerback Dave Waymer (#44) and nickel back Frank Wattelet at work for the New Orleans Saints

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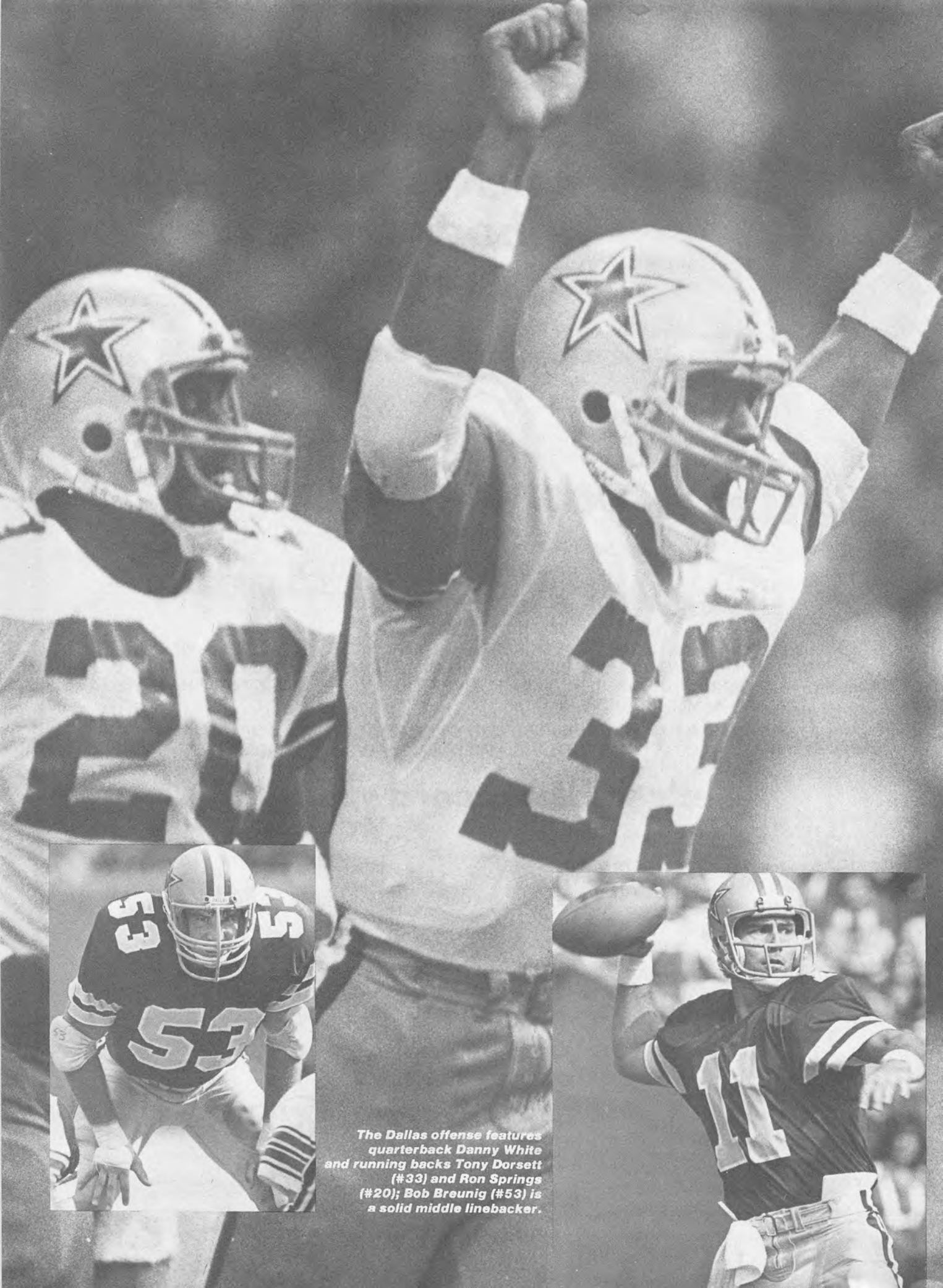

The Dallas offense features quarterback Danny White and running backs Tony Dorsett (#33) and Ron Springs (#20); Bob Breunig (#53) is a solid middle linebacker.

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DALLAS COWBOYS

Figure the Cowboys will make the playoffs and you'll be right 15 out of 16 times. This year will make 16 of 17. Don't analyze who happens to be playing quarterback. Don't pay attention to the cornerbacks. Don't worry about who might be retiring. Don't make any adjustments for injury. Just don't bet against them.

Two years ago, coach Tom Landry lost all-time great quarterback Roger Staubach and everybody smirked and said ol' Landry would finally find out how the other half lives. But he plugged in Danny White. O.K., so White had been around for a while. That was no great shock. The Cowboys were still pretty good.

Last year was a different story. They didn't have anyone to play the defensive backfield. Landry would find out what it's like to lose. This is the age of offense, which means you better have somebody who can play a little defense. The Cowboys didn't know what they were going to do.

So they plug in two free agents—Everson Walls and Michael Downs—at cornerback and free safety. They move a back-up free safety, Dennis Thurman, to cornerback. Doesn't Landry know it's supposed to be the other way around? No way these guys will stop anything.

Ha, ha, Landry gets the last frown. Walls leads the league in interceptions. Thurman ties for second. Downs ties for seventh. The Cowboys had seven more interceptions than any other team.

Wait until this year. Strong safety Charlie Waters and linebacker D.D. Lewis are retired. They provided leadership in key positions. They were reliable athletes who will be missed. Can the Cowboys bounce back? Sounds like the same old story. Figure on the same old ending.

The Cowboys even crossed up everybody in the draft. Always the disciples of the "best athlete available," they ran their fingers down their list this time before settling on Kentucky State cornerback Rod Hill in the first round. Before draft day, everyone, including the Cowboys, had admitted there were no defensive backs worth a first-round pick.

"The Cowboys can do anything they want," said Chicago coach Mike Ditka, fresh from a nine-year stint in Dallas. "They can do anything and get away with it, because they're in the playoffs every year."

"We're capable of getting back into the playoffs again," said Landry, "but our biggest challenge is going to come now from the other NFC East teams. New York has improved greatly. Neil Lomax's emergence at quarterback makes St. Louis a threat. Washington is coming on now with its new system. And the Eagles will rebound this year, mainly because they are the number one defensive team in the NFL."

Landry called last year's team the best he's had since the 1978 season, when he last went to the Super Bowl. The Cowboys missed the Super Bowl by a point when San Francisco drove the length of the field on them in the last minute. Word from Texas is that that loss stuck in the throats of the players and coaches for an inordinate amount of time. If the Cowboys had as good a team as they had in 1978, which was about as good as they ever have been, and they still lost, then maybe they aren't good enough.

Don't bet on it.

"The big challenge again this year is going to be on defense,, mainly because of the retirement of Waters and Lewis," said Landry.

The same front four returns, however, and the front four is the foundation of the Cowboys' defense. It may be the foundation of the team. As long as Landry has Too Tall Jones, John Dutton, Randy White, and Harvey Martin lining up on defense, he doesn't really have to lose much sleep over who is playing linebacker and who is playing cornerback. Landry is properly concerned about the retirement of Waters and Lewis, but if it were Jones and White who were retiring, more people would be paying attention.

Jones had his best year last season and will continue to dominate if the spirit so moves him. Money will help, too. Jones was a free agent after the season and it is presumed the Cowboys paid him enough to keep the smile on his face. Landry also worries somewhat about Martin's motivation. "He's at an age now where he has to rechallenge himself. If he does, then he will continue to be a strong player," said Landry. Martin had an up-and-down season but still led the club in sacks for the ninth straight year, every year he has played.

Dutton has improved steadily at left tackle. Playing between Jones and White helps. White remains the keystone and continues to draw rave reviews from Landry.

"We've never had a player and I've never seen a player, other than probably Ernie Stautner when he played, who could match Randy's intensity from game to game," said the coach. "When Randy White lines up on you, he doesn't care whether you're all-pro or whether you're a rookie. You're going to get the same treatment. That makes him unique in this game." Landry's main worry about this group is depth. "We can't afford the loss of anyone."

Coach Tom Landry of the Cowboys

Larry Bethea and Bruce Thornton are back-ups at end and tackle. Untested Ron Spears and Don Smerek will vie with three late draft choices for other reserve roles.

Penciled in at Lewis's right linebacker slot is Guy Brown, who has started there in the past. But Landry says the position will be up for grabs among Brown, Anthony Dickerson, Angelo King, and Bill Roe. Rookies Jeff Rohrer of Yale and Jim Eliopulos of Wyoming were the team's second and third draft choices, so they will be in the picture, too. Landry likes Dickerson's talent and big-play potential, if Anthony can concentrate on the job. Left linebacker Mike Hegman and middle linebacker Bob Breunig are solid starters. Danny Spradlin made the team as a rookie last year, backing up Breunig. He understood the flex, quite an accomplishment for a rookie.

With Hill as a No. 1 draft choice at cornerback, it gives Landry the opportunity to continue his successful game of musical chairs.

"The secondary was our biggest surprise last year and the factor that really enabled us to go into the playoffs," said Landry.

So what does Hill do? Walls led the league in interceptions partly because teams picked on him, sometimes with disturbing success. Thurman was beaten less frequently at the other corner. Downs is solid at free safety, and former cornerback Benny Barnes will go to camp as Waters's replacement at strong safety. Landry also hopes Dextor Clinkscale can recover from an Achilles' tendon problem and present a challenge.

"Whether it's Barnes or Clinkscale at strong safety, we could end up with three free agents and an 11th-round draft choice (Thurman) starting in the secondary," said Landry.

Hill could change that. And Landry wants former receiver Ron Fellows to continue his experiment as a back-up cornerback, but he plans to move Steve Wilson back to receiver.

The offense is practically taken for granted.

1981 LEADERS AND NFC RANKINGS

SCORING—Septien, 121 points on 27 field goals and 40 PAT's . . . T1st
RUSHING—Dorsett, 342 carries for 1,646 yards, 4.8 avg., 4 TD's . . . 2nd
PASSING—White, 223 of 391 attempts for 3,098 yards, 22 TD's . . . 2nd
RECEIVING—Hill, 46 receptions for 953 yards, 20.7 avg., 4 TD's . . . 26th
INTERCEPTIONS—Walls, 11 for 133 yards, 12.1 avg. . . . 1st
PUNTING—White, 79 punts, 40.8 avg., longest 60 yards . . . 8th
PUNT RETURNS—Jones, 33 for 188 yards, 5.7 avg . . . 14th
KICKOFF RETURNS—Jones, 27 for 517 yards, 19.1 avg . . . 17th

PRESEASON SCHEDULE

August	14	BUFFALO (N)
	21	At San Diego (N)
	28	NEW ENGLAND (N)
September	4	HOUSTON (N)

1982 SCHEDULE			1981 SCORES
September	13	PITTSBURGH (N)	—
	19	At St. Louis	17-20
	26	At Minnesota	—
October	3	NEW YORK GIANTS	18-10
	10	WASHINGTON	24-10
	17	At Philadelphia	17-14
	24	At Cincinnati (N)	—
	31	At New York Giants	10-13
November	7	ST. LOUIS	30-17
	14	At San Francisco	14-45
	21	TAMPA BAY	—
	25	CLEVELAND	—
December	5	At Washington	26-10
	13	At Houston	—
	19	NEW ORLEANS	—
	26	PHILADELPHIA	21-10

Except for some interesting competition at fullback and center, the lineup is set and sound.

"Obviously, we're in good shape at quarterback, probably as good as anybody in the league," said Landry.

White followed his outstanding 1980 debut with an even better 1981 season, throwing for more yards, cutting his interceptions in half, and raising his passer rating to fifth in the league.

"He can only get better. His knowledge of the game is unsurpassed by any quarterback we've had," said Landry.

The Cowboys are so impressed with last year's third-stringer, Gary Hogeboom, that they started peddling back-up Glenn Carano around the league during the offseason.

"Gary has reached the point now where he's going to start to emerge. Every quarterback reaches a point where he challenges a starter. It doesn't mean he's going to take over the position; it means he has the capabilities that if something happens to your first quarterback, he can step in and be first-string," said Landry.

In the backfield, Tony Dorsett had his best year as a pro and wants to get better. That's a formidable threat. Dorsett prepared himself better than ever last offseason and found out it paid off. He said the 1,646 yards he gained rushing last year won't be the highlight of his career. "I can't stop there. I miss the Super Bowl. I think I got spoiled going my first two years and I really miss it," he said.

"Can he repeat it?" asks Landry. "He can if he wants to work hard enough in the offseason and if he's lucky enough not to get hurt."

Landry wants someone to step forward at fullback and become the complete blocker, receiver, and tough-yardage runner. He will give Dorsett's back-up, James Jones, a chance to win the position from Ron Springs, Timmy Newsome, and old-timer Robert Newhouse. Jones, the team's punt and kickoff specialist, is a good blocker and weighs 200 pounds.

Four good wide receivers and three good tight ends put the Cowboys in an enviable position. Starters Tony Hill and Drew Pearson again will be challenged by Butch Johnson and second-year man Doug Donley at wide receiver. All four will see plenty of action. Johnson makes waves as a reserve, both with his mouth and his performance. Landry doesn't mind the former as long as he has the latter. Billy Joe DuPree will get a push from Doug Cosbie at tight end, with Jay Saldi an excellent special-situation receiver.

Landry has a problem on the offensive line, the kind of problem every coach would love. He has enough depth to survive injury and enough quality to keep a No. 1 draft choice, Howard Richards, on the bench. With Robert Shaw's return from a knee injury, Landry must decide whether he is a better center than last year's impressive stand-in, Tom Rafferty. If so, Landry must decide if former guard Rafferty can regain his job from Kurt Petersen, a former defensive lineman who Landry claims has great potential. That leaves the line with only two all-pros, left guard Herb Scott and left tackle Pat Donovan, and with a very underrated right tackle, Jim Cooper. Andy Frederick is a capable back-up tackle, and last year's No. 1 rookie, Howard Richards, will try to find a home at either tackle or guard. The Cowboys also like last year's third draft choice, Glenn Titensor, another defensive line conversion. He's a center-guard.

Landry insists he is still looking for a punter to relieve Danny White, but the urge usually is thwarted by White's prowess and the extra roster spot it gives him. Rafael Septien was an all-pro place-kicker, an unusual plus for a team that rarely needs extras.

Defensive end Harvey Martin (top), kicker Raphael Septien (#1) and cornerback Dennis Thurman (#32), and defensive end Ed Jones (#72), Dallas

COWBOYS VETERAN ROSTER

no	name	pos	ht	wt	age	NFL exp	college
31	Barnes, Benny	CB	6-1	203	31	11	Stanford
76	Bethea, Larry	DT	6-5	249	26	5	Michigan St.
53	Breunig, Bob	LB	6-2	223	29	8	Arizona St.
59	Brown, Guy	LB	6-4	226	27	6	Houston
18	Carano, Glenn	QB	6-3	198	27	6	Nevada-L.V.
47	Clinkscale, Dextor	S	5-11	189	24	2	S.C. St.
61	Cooper, Jim	T	6-5	263	27	6	Temple
84	Cosbie, Doug	TE	6-6	226	26	4	Santa Clara
51	Dickerson, Anthony	LB	6-2	222	25	3	SMU
83	Donley, Doug	WR	6-0	175	23	2	Ohio State
67	Donovan, Pat	T	6-4	259	29	8	Stanford
33	Dorsett, Tony	RB	5-11	185	28	6	Pittsburgh
26	Downs, Michael	S	6-3	198	23	2	Rice
89	DuPree, Billy Joe	TE	6-4	228	32	10	Michigan St.
78	Dutton, John	DT	6-7	263	31	9	Nebraska
27	Fellows, Ron	CB	6-0	170	24	2	Missouri
71	Frederick, Andy	T	6-6	265	28	6	New Mexico
58	Hegman, Mike	LB	6-1	225	29	7	Tennessee St.
80	Hill, Tony	WR	6-2	206	26	6	Stanford
14	Hogeboom, Gary	QB	6-4	200	24	3	C. Michigan
42	Hughes, Randy	S	6-4	207	29	7	Oklahoma
86	Johnson, Butch	WR	6-1	180	28	7	UC-Riverside
72	Jones, Ed	DE	6-9	272	31	7	Tennessee St.
23	Jones, James	RB	5-10	196	24	3	Mississippi St.
57	King, Angelo	LB	6-1	220	24	2	S.C. St.
79	Martin, Harvey	DE	6-5	252	32	10	East Texas St.
44	Newhouse, Robert	FB	5-10	220	32	11	Houston
30	Newsome, Timmy	FB	6-1	232	24	3	Winston-Salem
88	Pearson, Drew	WR	6-0	190	31	10	Tulsa
65	Petersen, Kurt	G	6-4	266	25	3	Missouri
64	Rafferty, Tom	G	6-3	258	28	7	Penn St.
70	Richards, Howard	T	6-6	248	23	2	Missouri
56	Roe, Bill	LB	6-3	230	24	2	Colorado
87	Saldi, Jay	TE	6-3	223	28	7	South Carolina
68	Scott, Herbert	G	6-2	258	29	8	Virginia Union
1	Septien, Rafael	K	5-9	174	29	6	SW Louisiana
52	Shaw, Robert	C	6-4	260	26	4	Tennessee
60	Smerek, Don	DT	6-7	256	25	2	Nevada-Reno
75	Spears, Ron	DE	6-6	252	23	1	San Diego St.
20	Springs, Ron	FB	6-1	216	26	4	Ohio St.
55	Spradlin, Danny	LB	6-1	221	23	2	Tennessee
77	Thornton, Bruce	DE	6-5	262	24	4	Illinois
32	Thurman, Dennis	CB	5-11	178	26	5	Southern Cal.
63	Titensor, Glen	G	6-4	257	24	2	Brigham Young
24	Walls, Everson	CB	6-1	189	23	2	Grambling
66	Wells, Norms	G	6-5	261	25	2	Northwestern
11	White, Danny	QB	6-2	196	30	7	Arizona St.
54	White, Randy	DT	6-4	250	29	8	Maryland
45	Wilson, Steve	CB	5-10	193	25	4	Howard
73	Wright, Steve	T	6-5	250	23	2	N. Iowa

DRAFTEES

rd	name	pos	ht	wt	age	college
1	Hill, Rod	DB	6-0	182	23	Kentucky St.
2	Rohrer, Jeff	LB	6-3	228	25	Yale
3	Eliopulos, Jim	LB	6-2	224	23	Wyoming
4	Carpenter, Brian	DB	5-11	166	22	Michigan
4	Hunter, Monty	S	6-0	201	23	Salem
5	Podzerac, Phil	OT	6-8	264	23	Notre Dame
6	Hammond, Ken	OG	6-3	270	23	Vanderbilt
6	Daum, Charles	DL	6-6	229	23	Cal Poly SLO
7	Purifoy, Bill	DL	6-8	248	23	Tulsa
8	Peoples, George	FB	6-0	202	21	Auburn
8	Sullivan, Dwight	FB	5-9	204	23	N.C. St.
9	Gary, Joe	DL	6-4	262	23	UCLA
10	Eckerson, Todd	OT	6-4	268	22	N.C. St.
11	Thompson, George	WR	6-3	211	23	Albany St. (GA)
11	Whiting, Michael	FB	6-0	214	22	Florida St.
12	Burtness, Rich	OL	6-4	235	22	Montana

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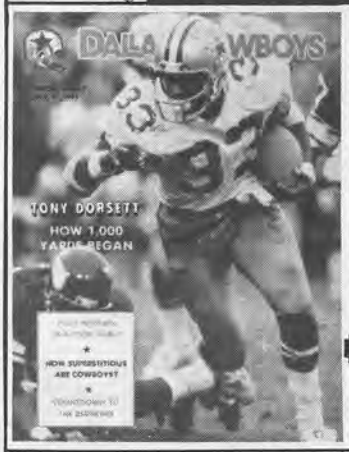

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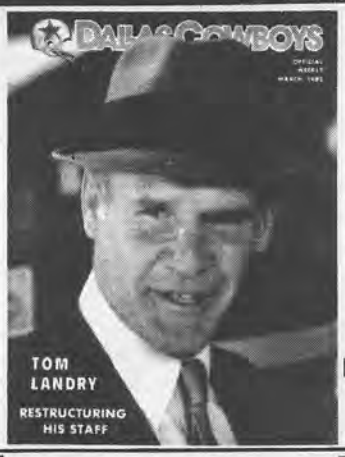

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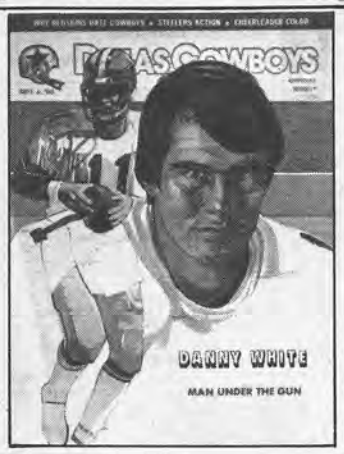

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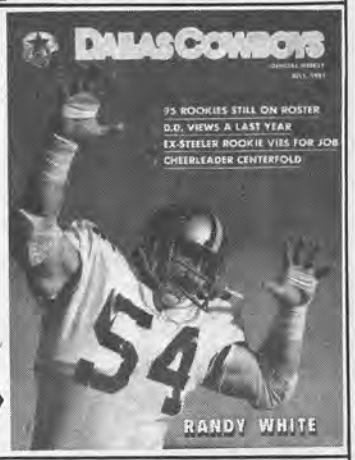

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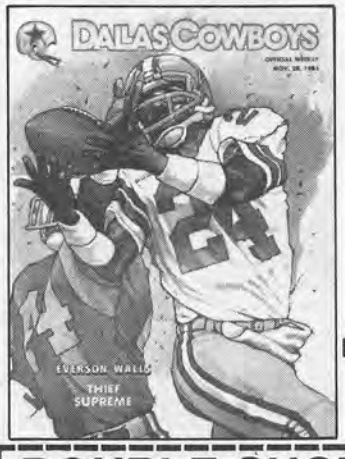

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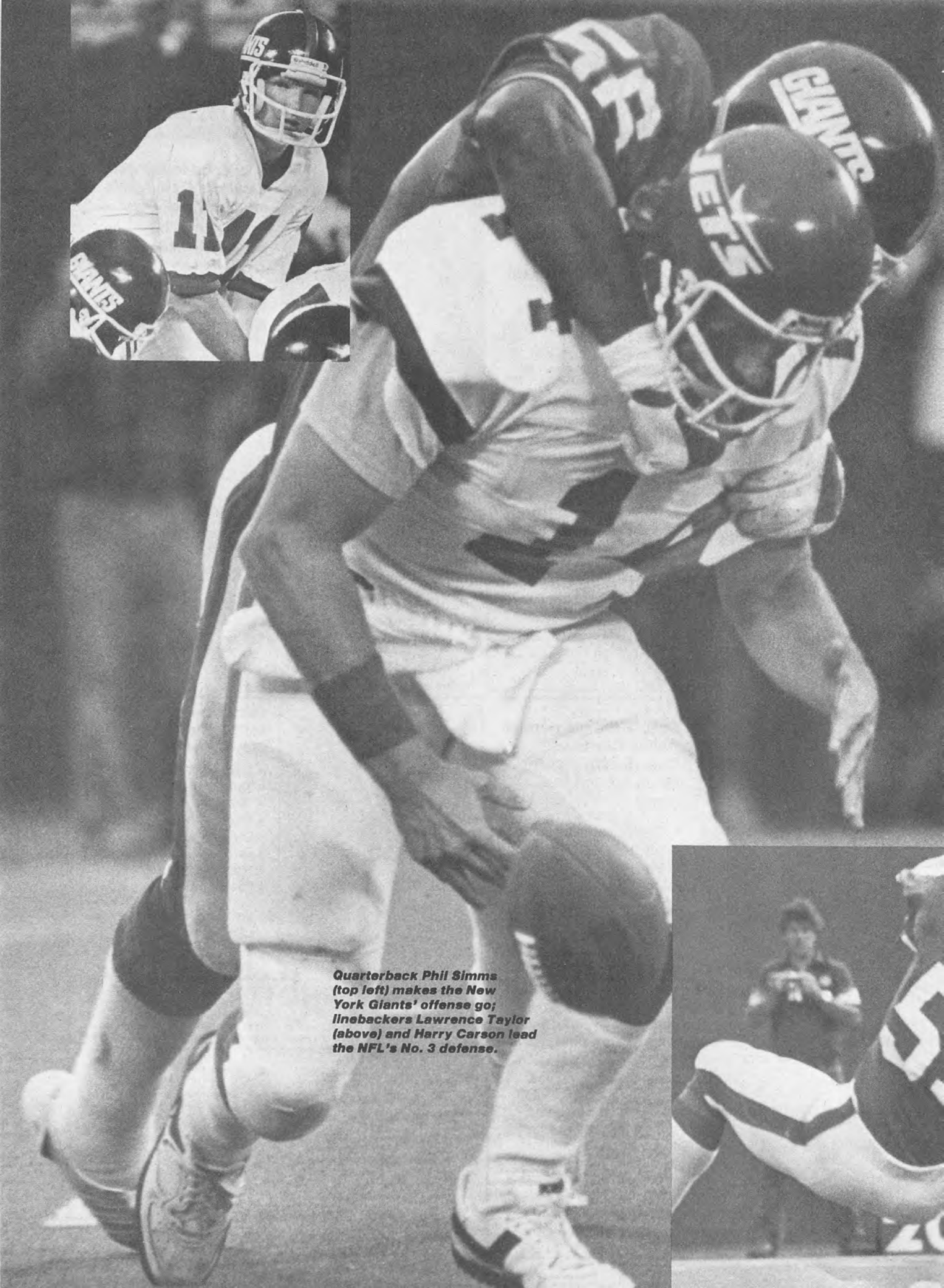


Quarterback Phil Simms (top left) makes the New York Giants' offense go; linebackers Lawrence Taylor (above) and Harry Carson lead the NFL's No. 3 defense.

NEW YORK GIANTS

When a team finishes last in the league in offense and still makes the playoffs, there is only one way for it to go. How could things get worse? The Giants are a team that lost their young quarterback and won with an even younger one. This is a team that won without even moving the ball. Only six clubs scored fewer points.

Ray Perkins is supposed to be a genius as an offensive coach. He has to be. He won with the worst offense in the league. That is brilliance not even Bill Walsh can match. What did you do, Ray? What? You say it's what you didn't do?

The Giants didn't run very far, but they didn't fumble, either. They didn't pass very far, but they didn't throw interceptions either. They didn't make many first downs, but neither did they give up good field position. What did they do best on offense? They punted well. They let their defense play.

Then they drafted. Draft day for the Giants has been much more fun in recent years. Oh, it was always fun, as in hilarious, but lately it has been fun in a more positive way. Lawrence Taylor, Mark Haynes, and Phil Simms have helped erase bad memories. They have helped other former No. 1 choices Gordon King and Gary Jeter play better.

So it was on draft day 1982 that an eager gallery started chanting, "Butch, Butch, Butch" before the Giants named Butch Woolfolk their No. 1 pick. When they followed with Joe Morris and made six of their first seven draft choices offense players, they left no Giant fan unhappy.

If this team can get only a little bit better on offense while maintaining its dominating defense, there is no reason it can't pass the Philadelphia Eagles in the tough NFC East standings. With some luck, the Giants could scare the Dallas Cowboys, but that is a tough task for a team that finished 28th in offense. Then again, remember who beat Dallas and Philadelphia back-to-back last December. That kind of experience will do wonders for any young team's confidence.

"We made strides in a lot of areas," said Perkins. "We built and attained a winning attitude that hasn't been here in 18 years. We'll go to training camp with that same attitude."

Running back Rob Carpenter carried the Giants to the playoffs.

There is a lot of pressure on Woolfolk. The 6-foot, 207-pound halfback from Michigan will be expected in some circles to do the same thing for the offense that linebacker Taylor did for the defense last year. And what was that, Lawrence? Merely catapult the team from 24th to 3rd in defense. Let's see, that means all you have to do, Butch, is elevate the offense from 28th to about 7th. Got that, kid? O.K., go get 'em. After all, Rob Carpenter almost got the job done by himself, and he couldn't run around the ends. That's your job, Butch.

Outside speed is so essential to the Giants' plans that they didn't stop with Woolfolk. Morris outgained Larry Csonka, Floyd Little, Jim Nance, Ernie Davis, Jim Brown, and every No. 44 in Syracuse history. Morris is only 5-7, so he must be fast. Either that, or some Syracuse blockers should be all-pro.

There will be pressure on Perkins, as well, to handle the quarterback situation with kid gloves. Two kids, Simms and Scott Brunner, have played well enough for the Giants to have a "quarterback situation" for the first time since who knows when? Conerly and Tittle? Morrall and Wood?

"Three years ago we came here and didn't have one quarterback," said Perkins. "Now, we've got three on the team. We have two proven quarterbacks who can play and one with a lot of ability. We're fortunate, but I believe we've got to settle on one guy."

Who? Perkins says Simms is the incumbent, but Brunner will get a chance to beat him out. Simms went out for the season with a shoulder separation November 15. Brunner stepped in and took the club to a 4-1 record and into the playoffs, where, against the Eagles and 49ers, he threw six touchdown passes.

Before Simms was injured, he was on his way to setting a club record in passing with 172 completions for 2,031 yards, 11 touchdowns, and a 54 percent completion percentage. Entering his fourth season, Simms has failed to finish the last two because of shoulder injuries. Brunner's record as a starter is 6-4, including 1-1 in the playoffs.

This is the kind of dilemma a coach likes to have, but if it is not treated fairly and decisively, it can lead to trouble. More than one team has been split by choosing sides over a quarterback. The third quarterback of which Perkins speaks is Mark Reed, who spent his rookie season on injured reserve after showing excellent potential in the preseason.

In finishing 28th in the league on offense, the Giants showed no favoritism between running and passing. They were 25th in rushing, 24th in passing. They figure, however, that help for the running game will benefit the passing game.

Carpenter arrived during last season, courtesy of the Houston Oilers, who have such a great running back in Earl Campbell that they failed to recognize a very good one in Carpenter. The Giants were desperate for a runner, yet the Oilers let Carpenter go for a third-round draft choice. Carpenter responded by gaining over 100 yards five times in the ten regular-season games he played. Against the Eagles in the playoffs, he rushed for 161 yards. He also caught 24 passes, displaying the talent the Oilers exploited most. At 6-1, 230 pounds, Carpenter provides the kind of power any coach loves.

Carpenter's running mate most of the time was 5-11, 230-pound Leon Perry, a good blocker and short-yardage runner. Ike Forte and Leon Bright saw limited action and will again vie for back-up spots. Veteran Doug Kotar will try to come back from a shoulder separation. He missed the last nine games last season. He also missed the entire 1980 season because of a knee injury.

Enter Woolfolk and Morris. The Giants made no secret of their desire to draft a swift runner. It was also no secret that Woolfolk might last until the 19th pick, because most scouting com-

1981 LEADERS AND NFC RANKINGS

SCORING—Danelo, 103 points on 24 field goals and 31 PAT's . . . 4th
RUSHING—Carpenter, 208 carries for 822 yards, 4.0 avg., 5 TD's . . . 12th
PASSING—Simms, 172 of 316 attempts for 2,031 yards, 11 TD's . . . 7th
RECEIVING—Perkins, 51 receptions for 858 yards, 16.8 avg., 6 TD's . . . 19th
INTERCEPTIONS—Reece, 4 for 84 yards, 21.0 avg . . . 21st
PUNTING—Jennings, 97 punts, 43.3 avg., longest 62 yards . . . 2nd
PUNT RETURNS—Bright, 52 for 410 yards, 7.9 avg . . . 11th
KICKOFF RETURNS—Bright, 25 for 481 yards, 19.2 avg . . . 16th

PRESEASON SCHEDULE

August	14	At Baltimore (N)
	21	PITTSBURGH (N)
	28	NEW YORK JETS (N)
September	3	At Miami (N)

1982 SCHEDULE			1981 SCORES
September	12	ATLANTA	27-24 (OT)
	20	GREEN BAY (N)	14-27
	26	At Pittsburgh	—
October	3	At Dallas	10-18
	10	ST. LOUIS	34-14
	17	CINCINNATI	—
	25	At Philadelphia (N)	20-10
	31	DALLAS	13-10 (OT)
November	7	At Cleveland	—
	14	At Los Angeles	10-7
	21	WASHINGTON	27-30 (OT)
	25	At Detroit	—
December	5	HOUSTON	—
	11	PHILADELPHIA	10-24
	19	At Washington	17-7
	26	At St. Louis	20-10

bines rated him behind running backs Darrin Nelson, Marcus Allen, Gerald Riggs, and Walter Abercrombie. All those backs plus Barry Redden were drafted before the Giants' turn.

Woolfolk played his high school ball in Westfield, N.J., only 25 miles from the Meadowlands. He was Michigan's all-time leading rusher and a Big Ten champion sprinter, an enticing combination for a man of his size. So why was he the sixth back drafted?

Scouts agree Woolfolk is not the most instinctive runner. He has an upright style and is more of a slasher than a runner with nifty moves. He rarely had to block or catch at Michigan. Yet there is no doubt about his production and about his steady improvement. He used to be a tentative runner, but erased all doubts about that during his final year. Besides his ability, Woolfolk is a personable athlete who will win friends in a hurry in New York. If he approaches Taylor's impact of a year ago, he will be a cinch choice for rookie of the year.

The addition of Morris provides both comfort and competition for Woolfolk. At 5-7, 180, Morris was called too small to make it by some. But how can anyone ignore the all-time Syracuse rushing leader? Some scouts called Csonka too big. Remember? Smaller backs have proved they can play in today's wide-open offenses. Last year, James Brooks and Joe Delaney made instant names for themselves. Morris is expected to be a dangerous receiver coming out of the backfield and help the Giants immediately in the kick-return department. Despite his height, he is powerful and durable, and also quicker than Woolfolk.

More production from the running backs should open up things for the receivers, where speed also has been a concern. Perkins is looking for a repeat performance from Johnny Perkins and a comeback year from Earnest Gray. Perkins enjoyed health and his finest season in 1981, catching 51 passes for 858 yards and six touchdowns. Gray fell off from 52 catches to 22 and from ten touchdowns to only two. Both wide-outs are over 6-2 and weigh 200 pounds, outstanding targets. But neither has shown burner's speed. Back-ups John Mistler and Mike Friede are control-type receivers, capable of making the tough catch in third-down situations. Friede was still recuperating from a 1980 knee injury last season.

Tight end is in capable, if not spectacular, hands. Gary Shirk met the challenge of rookie Dave Young last season and caught 42 passes. All he does is answer critics with solid performances. Tom Mullady complements Shirk as the second tight end. Young was hampered by a thumb injury as a rookie. At 6-6, 242, and with as much speed as some of the wide receivers, Young is a classic "potential" star, but the jury is still out.

Despite injury and shuffling, the Giants' offensive line was improved last year. Continued improvement is expected with the drafting of guard Gerry Raymond of Boston College and center Rich Umphrey of Colorado, who has the best chance of moving right in. Ernie Hughes is recovering from knee surgery, and Jim Clack retired again. Two second-year men, tackle Jeff Weston and guard Billy Ard, moved out Brad Benson and Roy Simmons. Gordon King had his best year ever at right tackle and offensive captain J.T. Turner remained solid at right guard. The Giants finished 21st in protecting the quarterback, so they must improve there.

If Perkins can improve his defense, he might not have to worry about offense at all. If he can figure out a way to get eight linebackers on the field at the same time, he might be able to improve his defense. No team in football has better linebackers and no linebacker is better than Lawrence Taylor, who at 240 pounds isn't really as much a linebacker as he is a force. The 49ers blocked him with a guard because he was having running backs for lunch. Here was a rookie playing with all-pro linebackers Harry Carson and Brad Van Pelt and he still stuck out.

Nearly lost in the accolades is inside man Brian Kelley, who finished right behind Carson in tackles and ahead of the others in interceptions and fumble recoveries. Carson, Kelley, Taylor, and Van Pelt finished 1-2-3-4 in tackles. Aided by reserves Byron Hunt, Frank Marion, Joe McLaughlin, and Mike Whittington, the linebackers added 17 sacks, five interceptions, seven fumble recoveries, and two blocked kicks.

As if this group weren't enough, it could be joined by Dan Lloyd, an outstanding player in 1978 who missed the last two seasons fighting cancer. He has been given the green light to try a comeback. And the only defensive player the Giants drafted in the first eight rounds was linebacker Darrell Nicholson, Taylor's former teammate.

No group of linebackers can be effective without help up front. Ends George Martin and Gary Jeter are solid veterans flanking second-year nose tackle Bill Neill, a find as a rookie. Martin had 11 quarterback traps and scored two touchdowns on fumble-recovery returns, giving him five career touchdowns. Jeter overcame knee problems to lead the linemen in tackles. Curtis McGriff, Phil Tabor, Jim Burt, Dee Hardison, and Myron Lapka are reserves.

The development of second-year cornerback Mark Haynes and his switch to the left side solidified the secondary. The Giants moved from 26th in pass defense to 7th, and few cornerbacks played better than Haynes. Terry Jackson played well at right cornerback, and Beasley Reece made the switch from strong to free safety, leading the club in interceptions. Strong safety Bill Currier, obtained from New England, also was impressive. The group is backed by capable cornerback Mike Dennis, Larry Flowers, and ex-receiver Danny Pittman.

All-pro Dave Jennings hopes he has less work this season. Place-kicker Joe Danelo is counting on more. Morris joins Bright as a candidate for kick returns.

GIANTS VETERAN ROSTER

no	name	pos	ht	wt	age	NFL exp	college
	Anderson, Anthony	RB	6-0	200	26	3	Temple
67	Ard, Billy	G	6-3	250	23	2	Wake Forest
60	Benson, Brad	T	6-3	258	27	5	Penn St.
45	Bright, Leon	RB	5-9	192	27	2	Florida St.
12	Brunner, Scott	QB	6-5	200	25	3	Delaware
64	Burt, Jim	DT	6-1	255	23	2	Miami
26	Carpenter, Rob	RB	6-1	230	27	6	Miami (O)
53	Carson, Harry	LB	6-2	235	29	7	S.C. St.
29	Currier, Bill	S	6-0	195	27	6	S. Carolina
18	Danelo, Joe	K	5-9	166	29	8	Wash. St.
46	Dennis, Mike	CB	5-10	190	24	3	Wyoming
37	Flowers, Larry	S	6-1	190	24	2	Texas Tech.
35	Forte, Ike	RB	6-0	210	28	7	Arkansas
88	Friede, Mike	WR	6-3	205	25	3	Indiana
83	Gray, Earnest	WR	6-3	195	25	4	Memphis St.
79	Hardison, Dee	DE	6-4	269	26	5	N. Carolina
36	Haynes, Mark	CB	5-11	185	24	3	Colorado
27	Heater, Larry	RB	5-11	205	24	3	Arizona
61	Hughes, Ernie	C	6-3	265	27	4	Notre Dame
57	Hunt, Byron	LB	6-4	230	24	2	SMU
21	Jackson, Louis	RB	5-11	195	24	2	Cal-Poly
24	Jackson, Terry	CB	5-11	197	27	5	San Diego St.
13	Jennings, Dave	P	6-4	205	30	9	St. Lawrence
70	Jeter, Gary	DE	6-4	260	27	6	Southern Cal
	Johnson, Dennis	RB	6-3	220	26	5	Miss. State
55	Kelley, Brian	LB	6-3	222	31	10	Cal Lutheran
72	King, Gordon	T	6-6	275	26	5	Stanford
44	Kotar, Doug	RB	5-11	205	31	9	Kentucky
71	Lapka, Myron	DT	6-4	260	26	3	Southern Cal.
51	Marion, Frank	LB	6-3	228	31	6	Florida A&M
75	Martin, George	DE	6-4	245	29	8	Oregon
59	McGlasson, Ed	C	6-4	248	26	4	Youngstown
76	McGriff, Curtis	DE	6-5	265	24	3	Alabama
52	McLaughlin, Joe	LB	6-1	235	25	4	Mass.
85	Mistler, John	WR	6-2	186	24	2	Arizona St.
81	Mullady, Tom	TE	6-3	232	25	4	SW Memphis
77	Neill, Bill	DT	6-4	255	23	2	Pittsburgh
86	Perkins, Johnny	WR	6-2	205	29	6	AB Christian
30	Perry, Leon	RB	5-11	224	25	3	Mississippi
82	Pittman, Danny	WR	6-2	205	24	3	Wyoming
28	Reece, Beasley	S	6-1	195	28	7	N. Texas St.
87	Shirk, Gary	TE	6-1	220	32	7	Morehead St.
69	Simmons, Roy	G	6-3	264	26	4	Georgia Tech.
11	Simms, Phil	QB	6-3	216	26	4	Morehead St.
65	Sinnott, John	T	6-4	275	24	3	Brown
80	Tabor, Phil	DE	6-4	255	26	4	Okla.
56	Taylor, Lawrence	LB	6-3	237	23	2	N. Carolina
68	Turner, JT	G	6-3	250	29	6	Duke
10	Van Pelt, Brad	LB	6-5	235	31	10	Mich. St.
73	Weston, Jeff	T	6-5	280	26	4	Notre Dame
62	Whittington, Mike	LB	6-2	220	24	3	Notre Dame
	Wyatt, Kervin	LB	6-1	235	25	3	Maryland
89	Young, Dave	TE	6-6	242	23	2	Purdue

DRAFTEES

rd	name	pos	ht	wt	age	college
1	Woolfolk, Butch	RB	6-1½	207	22	Michigan
2	Morris, Joe	RB	5-7½	190	22	Syracuse
4	Raymond, Gerry	G	6-3	260	23	Boston College
5	Umphrey, Rich	C	6-3	255	24	Colorado
6	Nicholson, Darrell	LB	6-2	235	23	North Carolina
7	Wiska, Jeff	G	6-4	260	23	Michigan St.
8	Hubble, Robert	TE	6-7½	250	24	Rice
9	Higgins, John	DB	6-2	205	23	Nev. Las Vegas
10	Baldinger, Richard	T	6-4	270	23	Wake Forest
12	Seale, Mark	DE	6-3	250	22	Richmond

PHILADELPHIA EAGLES

If you listen closely enough, you can almost hear Don Meredith singing what sounds like the Eagles' theme song for 1982: "Turn out the lights, the party's over. You know that all good things must end."

The Eagles remain a good football team, but this is no longer fun and games. It is both a tribute and a trial for Dick Vermeil. He may already have coached this bunch to its potential. Nothing more can be asked of a coach, but in Philadelphia they will. They already have. When the Eagles answered a 6-0 start with a 4-7 finish, Vermeil was booed.

Naturally, he didn't appreciate it. He had said after the Super Bowl appearance that the team might be better in the 1981 season yet not win so many games and not return to the big game. He may have been right, but the fans didn't appreciate it.

The Eagles reached the heights through toil and sweat. They drafted for defense and became the No. 1 defense in football. Time caught their offense. Wilbert Montgomery ran out of miracles. He remains the Eagles' best halfback, best fullback, and best receiver. Come on, Wilbert, we need more.

The Eagles need more. They need better players. They need faster players. Mike Quick, are you listening? Are you quick? Are you ready for Philadelphia? The Eagles are ready for you.

"For us to keep getting better on a win-loss basis, we have to upgrade our overall caliber of athlete with the top draft choices," said Vermeil.

On defense, the Eagles have allowed the fewest points in the league over the past five years. During the past four seasons, only Dallas and Pittsburgh have won more games than the Eagles. Since 1978, only Terry Bradshaw has won more games as a starting quarterback than Philadelphia's Ron Jaworski. Last year, the maligned Eagle offense led the tough NFC East in scoring.

All of this was not enough and the fans let Vermeil know it. The coach responded bitterly.

"There's very little more I have to accomplish with this program. All I have to do is win the Super Bowl. If I don't, I'm an idiot. I'm sensitive because I'm a human being. None of them [the fans] have put into their job what I have put into mine. I have to reprove myself every Sunday. I go from a genius one week to an idiot the next. It's very irritating to know what I've put into this program [and] then to hear some fool take off on me."

Quick, the Eagles need players.

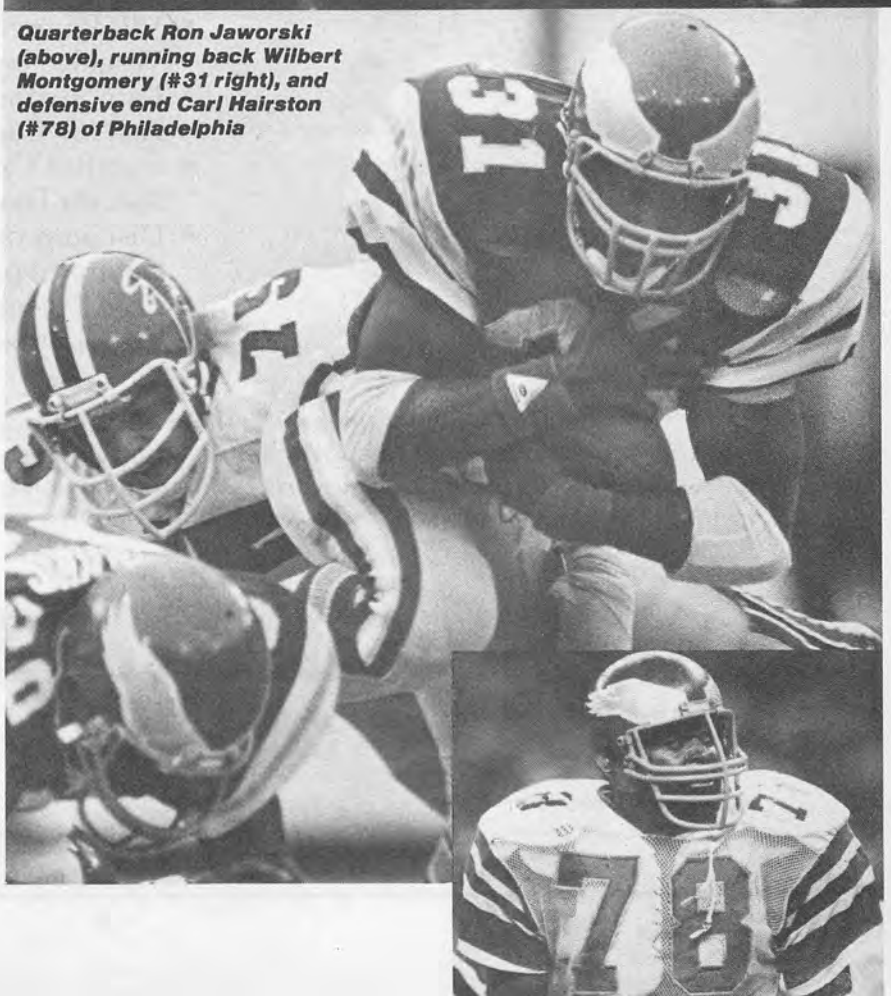
"We have to have more people on the field like Wilbert Montgomery," said Vermeil. "We need more people on the field with those skills to make the big plays, to make things happen. We invested everything we could in defense to have the top defensive team in the league. Explosive teams need explosive people. We've got to upgrade our talent. Perhaps we've gotten as much as we can out of the people we have."

Enter wide receiver Mike Quick. Enter tight ends Lawrence Sampleton and Vyto Kab. The Eagles need instant help. Vermeil drafted four wide receivers and two tight ends, sending an unmistakable message to old pros Harold Carmichael and Charlie Smith and to Keith Krepfle and John Spagnola. An ensuing message to Smith and Krepfle said "Goodbye."

Before the draft, they tried out hurdler Renaldo Nehemiah, a native of nearby Scotch Plains, N.J. They didn't sign him. They were afraid to take the chance. The world champion 49ers could make them regret the decision.

Jaworski dropped from first to eighth in the NFC passing rankings, but Vermeil again points to the receivers. This season, Jaworski will have the benefit of the return of the master coach, Sid Gillman, back after a year's retirement. Jaworski praised Gillman during the Eagles' rise to the Super Bowl. Joe Pisarcik is a capable and popular back-up.

At this point in the Eagles' progress, re-



Quarterback Ron Jaworski (above), running back Wilbert Montgomery (#31 right), and defensive end Carl Hairston (#78) of Philadelphia

1981 LEADERS AND NFC RANKINGS

SCORING—Franklin, 101 points on 20 field goals and 41 PAT's...6th
RUSHING—Montgomery, 286 carries for 1,402 yards, 4.9 avg., 8 TD's...4th
PASSING—Jaworski, 250 of 461 attempts for 3,095 yards, 23 TD's...8th
RECEIVING—Carmichael, 61 receptions for 1,028 yards, 16.9 avg., 6 TD's...11th
INTERCEPTIONS—Wilson, 5 for 73 yards, 14.6 avg...19th
PUNTING—Runager, 63 punts, 40.7 avg., longest 64 yards...9th
PUNT RETURNS—Henry, 54 for 396 yards, 7.3 avg...12th
KICKOFF RETURNS—Henry, 25 for 533 yards, 21.3 avg...9th

PRESEASON SCHEDULE

August	14	At Tampa Bay (N)
	20	NEW ENGLAND (N)
	28	At Atlanta (N)
September	4	At Pittsburgh (N)

1982 SCHEDULE			**1981 SCORES**
September	12	WASHINGTON	36-13
	19	At Cleveland	—
	26	LOS ANGELES	—
October	3	At Green Bay (Milwaukee)	—
	11	At Pittsburgh (N)	—
	17	DALLAS	14-17
	25	NEW YORK GIANTS (N)	10-20
	31	At St. Louis	52-10
November	7	DETROIT	—
	15	At Atlanta (N)	16-13
	21	CINCINNATI	—
	28	At Washington	13-15
December	5	ST. LOUIS	38-0
	11	At New York Giants	24-10
	19	HOUSTON	—
	26	At Dallas	10-21

ceivers are more important than quarterbacks. Carmichael is getting old. Although he is still 6-8, and although he caught more passes last year than he did in the Super Bowl year, he will be 33 years old.

"It's hard to say that he'll be the all-pro that he was, but I still believe that he can make a winning contribution," said Vermeil.

Carmichael, never known for great speed, caught only one bomb all year. That was one more than the other starting wide receiver, Charlie Smith, whose days as a starter were numbered. During Philadelphia's wild-card loss to the Giants, Ron Smith replaced him and caught three passes. The San Diego castoff has the speed the others lack.

"If the season started now, I would anticipate him being our starting flanker," said Vermeil after the season.

If it's not Smith, it probably will be Quick, a 6-2, 190-pounder from North Carolina State who arrives with lots of potential and mixed reviews. Although Quick is supposed to be a shade slower than burners Anthony Hancock and Perry Tuttle, who were drafted ahead of him, he possesses what scouts call "deep acceleration." That is, when the ball is in the air, Quick can get there. A fluid athlete who is not afraid to go over the middle, Quick nevertheless was inconsistent as a senior. Most alarming was what scouts described as a lackadaisical approach to the postseason bowl games. If that is his main fault, taskmaster Vermeil should be able to snap him out of it.

Vermeil also will give long looks to reserves Rodney Parker and Wally Henry and later-round wide receivers Curtis Grieve, Tony Woodruff, and Ron Ingram. And if anyone would like to come out of the stands in Veterans Stadium, Vermeil would be happy to provide a stopwatch and some shoulder pads.

Tight end also is a position of concern after Krepfle and Spagnola combined for only 26 receptions last year. Part of that is due to the use of three wide receivers, but Vermeil wouldn't have drafted Sampleton and Kab if he hadn't anticipated some change. Spagnola was supposed to challenge Krepfle last year but was hampered by hamstring problems. He became the No. 1 man when Krepfle became a free agent. Sampleton was by far the fastest tight end in the draft; Kab was the heaviest. Both are called potential stars or potential busts. Kab could be a tackle.

Montgomery alone makes the Eagles' offense respectable. He will be entering his sixth season, and his fifth was as good as he's ever had.

"People say we overuse Wilbert, but I don't believe that," said Vermeil. "Tony Dorsett carried the ball 342 times, George Rogers 378, and Wilbert 286, but he had a better yards-per-carry average than either of them. I don't feel we're overusing him or asking him to do too many things. He's our superskilled athlete so we try to exploit his talents a little bit more."

The Eagles are suited to the one-back offense more teams are using nowdays, but Vermeil expects injured fullbacks Perry Harrington and Leroy Harris to compete with Hubie Oliver and Booker Russell for the spot opposite Montgomery. Harris was the incumbent until he broke his arm. Harrington subbed impressively until he broke a leg. In came Oliver and prompted Vermeil to exclaim, "He could be the best fullback we've had since I've been here." Receiving specialist Billy Campfield, little Louie Giammona, second-year man Calvin Murray, and Green Bay castoff Steve Atkins will vie for the role of Montgomery's sub.

The Eagles' offensive line led the way to the team's second-best rushing season and allowed only 22 sacks despite adding new personnel. The changes are expected to continue with 300-pound Frank Giddens challenging Stan Walters at left tackle. Walters had an off year. Guards Ron Baker and Steve Kenney were impressive newcomers. Kenney replaced an injured Petey Perot and Perot couldn't win back his job. Baker replaced Woody Peoples and became a fixture. Right tackle Jerry Sisemore and center Guy Morriss are the anchors of the line. Guard Dean Miraldi and centers Mark Slater and Chuck Commiskey are the back-ups.

Defense remains the Eagles' strength despite the retirements of two old pros, Bill Bergey and Claude Humphrey. Vermeil calls defensive end Carl Hairston an all-pro who gets no respect.

"I can't understand how he can be passed up in the voting. Evidently some people think he is not spectacular enough as a pass rusher, even though he had eight sacks and 50 hurries," said Vermeil.

All-pro nose tackle Charlie Johnson, on the other hand, will have to improve to keep his job.

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LAS VEGAS

1981, Ken Clarke could end up our starter," said Vermeil.

Dennis Harrison also has competition at left end, where last year's No. 1 draft choice, Leonard Mitchell, is coming off injured reserve. Mitchell is a huge athlete who once was projected as the No. 1 college player in the country. Very much in the picture is Greg Brown, a free agent find last year who had seven and a half sacks while starting in the nickle defense.

Inside linebacker Frank LeMaster had such a good year in 1981 that Vermeil warns, "It may be difficult for him to ever have as good a year again." Big hitter Al Chesley complemented LeMaster nicely in the middle, and Jerry Robinson is a Pro Bowl weak-side linebacker. Veterans John Bunting and Reggie Wilkes on the left side make the linebacking corps solid.

Cornerback Roynell Young another Pro Bowler, will be coming off ankle surgery in his third season. Right corner Herman Edwards can't stop the run as well as Young, but he can cover with the best of them. Free safety Brenard Wilson led the team in interceptions again with six. Strong safety Randy Logan had his best season, even though he failed to make the Pro Bowl for the first time in three years. With John Sciarra, Richard Blackmore, and Ray Ellis all experienced back-ups, it is little wonder that Vermeil concentrated on offense in the draft.

Tony Franklin convinced Vermeil he is a major-league place-kicker, and Max Runager is expected to recover from knee surgery and continue his improvement. Henry, Sciarra, and Campfield are experienced kick returners.

EAGLES VETERAN ROSTER

no	name	pos	ht	wt	age	NFL exp	college
38	Atkins, Steve	FB	6-0	219	26	3	Maryland
63	Baker, Ron	G	6-4	250	28	4	Oklahoma St.
27	Blackmore, Rich.	CB	5-10	174	26	3	Miss. St.
	Blair, Ken	WR	6-2	195	24	2	Missouri
98	Brown, Gregory	DE	6-5	240	25	2	Kansas St.
95	Bunting, John	LB	6-1	220	32	10	North Carolina
37	Campfield, Billy	HB	6-0	205	26	4	Kansas
17	Carmichael, Harold	WR	6-8	225	33	11	Southern
59	Chesley, Al	LB	6-3	240	25	3	Pittsburgh
71	Clarke, Ken	MG	6-2	255	26	4	Syracuse
	Commiskey, Chuck	C	6-5	278	24	2	Mississippi
57	Curcio, Mike	LB	6-1	237	25	1	Temple
	Davis, Gail	MG	6-3	265	23	2	Virginia Union
46	Edwards, Herman	CB	6-0	190	28	5	San Diego St.
24	Ellis, Ray	DB	6-1	192	23	2	Ohio St.
86	Folsom, Steve	TE	6-4	230	24	2	Utah
1	Franklin, Tony	K	5-8	182	26	3	Texas A&M
33	Giammona, Louie	HB	5-9	180	29	5	Utah State
79	Giddens, Frank	T	6-7	300	23	2	New Mexico
78	Hairston, Carl	DE	6-3	260	30	6	Maryland St.
35	Harrington, Perry	FB	5-11	210	24	2	Jackson St.
20	Harris, Leroy	FB	5-9	230	28	4	Arkansas St.
68	Harrison, Dennis	DE	6-8	275	26	4	Vanderbilt
89	Henry, Wally	WR	5-8	180	28	5	UCLA
80	Hooks, Alvin	WR	5-11	170	25	2	Northridge
	Howell, Steve	FB	6-2	230	26	4	Baylor
87	Humphrey, Claude	DE	6-5	258	38	14	Tenn. St.
7	Jaworski, Ron	QB	6-2	196	31	8	Youngstown
65	Johnson, Charlie	MG	6-3	262	30	5	Colorado
73	Kenney, Steve	G	6-4	262	27	2	Clemson
55	LeMaster, Frank	LB	6-2	238	30	8	Kentucky
41	Logan, Randy	S	6-1	195	31	9	Michigan
	Miraldi, Dean	G	6-5	262	24	2	Utah
99	Mitchell, Leonard	DE	6-7	272	24	2	Houston
31	Montgomery, Wil	HB	5-10	195	28	5	Ab. Christian
	Moor, Buddy	DE	6-5	262	24	2	Kentucky
50	Morriss, Guy	C	6-4	255	31	9	TCU
42	Murray, Calvin	HB	5-11	185	24	2	Ohio St.
34	Oliver, Hubert	FB	5-10	212	25	2	Arizona
83	Parker, Rodney	WR	6-1	190	29	2	Tenn. St.
62	Perot, Pete	G	6-2	261	25	3	N.W. Louisiana
52	Phillips, Ray	LB	6-4	230	28	5	Nebraska
9	Pisarcik, Joe	QB	6-4	220	30	5	New Mexico St.
56	Robinson, Jerry	LB	6-2	218	26	3	UCLA
4	Runager, Max	P	6-1	189	26	3	South Carolina
32	Russell, Booker	FB	6-2	235	26	4	S.W. Texas St.
21	Sciarra, John	S	5-11	185	28	4	UCLA
76	Sisemore, Jerry	T	6-4	265	31	9	Texas
61	Slater, Mark	C	6-2	257	27	4	Minnesota
81	Smith, Ron	WR	6-0	185	26	4	San Diego St.
88	Spagnola, John	TE	240	240	25	3	Yale
	Sydnor, Ray	TE	6-8	225	24	2	Wisconsin
42	Wagner, Steve	LB	6-2	208	28	6	Wisconsin
75	Walters, Stan	T	6-6	275	34	10	Syracuse
51	Wilkes, Reggie	LB	6-4	230	26	4	Georgia Tech
22	Wilson, Brenard	FS	6-0	175	27	3	Vanderbilt
43	Young, Roynell	CB	6-1	181	25	2	Alcorn St.

DRAFTEES

rd	name	pos	ht	wt	age	college
1	Quick, Mike	WR	6-2	186	23	N. C. St.
2	Sampleton, Lawrence	TE	6-6	230	23	Texas
3	Kab, Vyto	TE	6-4	244	23	Penn St.
4	Griggs, Anthony	LB	6-2	221	22	Ohio St.
5	Devaughn, Dennis	CB	5-10	175	22	Bishop
6	Grieve, Curt	WR	6-4	200	23	Yale
7	Armstrong, Harvey	DT	6-3	260	23	SMU
8	Fritzsche, Jim	T	6-8	255	22	Purdue
9	Woodruff, Tony	WR	6-0	180	24	Fresno St
11	Ingram, Ron	WR	5-10	168	23	Okla. St.
12	Taylor, Rob	T	6-6	281	22	Northwestern

WASHINGTON REDSKINS

The Washington Redskins are like Washington lobbyists. You know they are there, but who are they? You know they are effective, but how? Few teams in the National Football League are more anonymous than the group from the nation's capital. They are quite literally a bunch of guys named Joe—from coach Joe Gibbs to quarterback Joe Theismann to leading rusher-receiver Joe Washington.

Theismann and Washington are two of the more familiar names. John Riggins rings a few bells and so does Terry Metcalf, as in, "Oh, do they still play football? They do? With the Redskins?" Most of the rest of the roster wouldn't qualify for an American Express commercial.

Name their top defensive player. Mark Murphy. Name his position. Free safety. Why is he good? He has led the team in tackles for three years, an unusual accomplishment for a free safety. Last year, he led the team in interceptions with seven and in fumble recoveries with four. Murphy is not only the Redskins' best defensive player, he's one of the best in the league.

The Redskins have a way of sneaking up on teams. Last year, they did it by losing their first five games under new coach Gibbs. Just when everyone had them measured for an 0-16 coffin, they won 8 of their final 11, including their last three against Philadelphia, Baltimore, and Los Angeles that had Gibbs lamenting the season's end. The finish cemented the club's confidence and made everyone in D.C. eager for 1982. So what if they play the toughest schedule in the league? The Skins are ready.

They didn't have a first-round draft choice, but they still recall the glory days of George Allen, who thought first-round draft choices were bubblegum cards for big people. He traded them for old people. Besides, the Redskins had a first-round draft choice in 1981 named Mark May. A guy named Joe—free agent Joe Jacoby—beat him out. So who needs famous people when any old Joe will suffice?

It is the schedule, not anonymity, that bothers Gibbs. The three teams that finished ahead of Washington in the NFC East all went to the playoffs last year and none is planning on canceling a return trip. Nine of Washington's 16

Washington Redskins (top to bottom): quarterback Joe Theismann, running back John Riggins, safety Mark Murphy, tackle Mark May (#73) and running back Nick Giaquinto (#30), and strong safety Tony Peters

games will be against teams that went to the playoffs last year. Since seven of Washington's eight losses came at the hands of playoff-bound teams, it is no wonder Gibbs is concerned.

Something can be said for players trying to make a name for themselves. Two other things can be said about the Redskins: they were statistically good last year on offense and defense, and the law of averages suggests they won't have as many injuries in 1982 as they did in 1981.

Only three clubs—Buffalo, Detroit, and the Redskins—finished in the top ten in both offense and defense. While that failed to make either Detroit or Washington better than .500, it demonstrated they are on the right track. At least they hope so. If injuries hit in bunches, the Redskins shouldn't have to worry about 1982. They had 30 players on injured reserve in 1981. They used 64 players to fill the 45-man roster.

Theismann and Washington remained the keys to Gibbs's wide-open approach to offensive football. Their pitch-and-catch game accounted for nearly a fourth of the team's receptions. Washington caught 70 balls for 558 yards and added another 916 yards rushing.

Theismann will be 33 in this his ninth NFL season, but Gibbs's philosophy enabled him to enjoy his most productive year in 1981. Theismann finished among the top five NFC quarterbacks for the third year in a row. The quick arm and quick feet remain intact. The only stumbling block is to keep him happy with a new contract. In light of owner Jack Kent Cooke's offer to buy No. 1 draft choices from Baltimore and New England for millions, Theismann should be easily satisfied.

"We feel good about having Joe there," said Gibbs. "Overall, I think we may still be in an infant stage with our offense, but I know we made some progress last year and we will keep building on that."

Not having Joe there would undoubtedly make Gibbs feel uncomfortable. Two second-year men, Tom Flick and Phil Kessel, are the only "experienced" players on the roster. Flick threw 27 passes as a rookie, Kessel none. The Redskins drafted Princeton's Bob Holly in the 11th round.

Gibbs likes to use all kinds of formations involving runners and receivers, so he is happy to have plenty of depth behind Washington. The little man from Oklahoma racked up his impressive totals despite missing 16 quarters of play last season. To spell him, Gibbs still has veteran Terry Metcalf, who must recover completely from an offseason basketball injury. He caught 48 passes for 595 yards in his first season back from Canada last year, but none of the catches went for touchdowns.

1981 LEADERS AND NFC RANKINGS

SCORING—Moseley, 95 points on 19 field goals and 38 PAT's . . . 9th
RUSHING—Washington, 210 carries for 916 yards, 4.4 avg., 4 TD's . . 10th
PASSING—Theismann, 293 of 496 attempts for 3,568 yards, 19 TD's . . . 5th
RECEIVING—Washington, 70 receptions for 558 yards, 8.0 avg., 3 TD's . . . 7th
INTERCEPTIONS—Murphy, 7 for 68 yards, 9.7 avg. . . 10th
PUNTING—Connell, 73 punts, 40.0 avg., longest 57 yards . . . 13th
PUNT RETURNS—Nelms, 45 for 492 yards, 10.9 avg., 2 TD's . . 4th
KICKOFF RETURNS—Nelms, 37 for 1,099 yards, 29.7 avg . . . 1st

PRESEASON SCHEDULE

August	14	At Miami (N)
	21	At Tampa Bay (N)
	27	BUFFALO (N)
September	3	At Cincinnati (N)

1982 SCHEDULE			1981 SCORES
September	12	At Philadelphia	13-26
	19	At Tampa Bay	—
	26	ST. LOUIS	42-21
October	3	CLEVELAND	—
	10	At Dallas	10-24
	17	PITTSBURGH	—
	24	At Houston	—
	31	SAN FRANCISCO	17-30
November	7	At Cincinnati	—
	14	MINNESOTA	—
	21	At New York Giants	30-27 (OT)
	28	PHILADELPHIA	15-13
December	5	DALLAS	10-26
	12	At St. Louis	30-40
	19	NEW YORK GIANTS	7-17
	26	At New Orleans	—

Riggins enters his 11th season as one of the outstanding and durable backs in history. After sitting out a year, he returned to gain 714 yards and score 13 touchdowns. It marked the first time two Redskin runners had surpassed 700 yards in one season. Veterans Wilbur Jackson and Clarence Harmon are returning from injuries to join the fight for roster spots. Third-year surprise Nick Giaquinto may have the inside track. Rickey Claitt and Otis Wonsley also return.

Art Monk is Theismann's favorite downfield receiver. In his second season, Monk averaged 16 yards on 56 catches and scored six times. Even though Gibbs sometimes likes to line up the offense with four wideouts, Monk is No. 1.

Who Nos. 2, 3, and 4 are is another story. Ricky Thompson was the second-most productive receiver with 28 catches and four touchdowns, but he is in Gibbs's doghouse for skipping a minicamp and refusing offseason knee surgery. He wants more playing time, but is unlikely to get it in Washington. Unknown Virgil Seay is listed as the starter opposite Monk. Only 5-8, 170 pounds, Seay was just two receptions and one touchdown behind Thompson last year. Alvin Garrett is even smaller at 5-7, but in Gibbs's offense, everybody is eligible. Metcalf sometimes lines up at wide receiver and Charlie Brown, who sat out last season, his rookie year, with injury, is expected to make his presence felt. Adding more intrigue is third-round draft choice Carl Powell of Jackson State, a burner.

"I think he has the potential to be one of the best in the pros," says his Jackson State coach, W.C. Gorden. "He's better than any we've had come through this school. And we've had Harold Jackson, Rich Caster, and Jerome Barkum."

Nothing like putting a little pressure on a kid.

Tight end Don Warren caught 29 passes last year and is backed up by Rick Walker and the aforementioned Caster, both of whom will be pressed by fifth-round draft choice Michael Williams.

Despite the unit's injury and youth, Gibbs was happy with his offensive line last year and expects it to improve. Center Jeff Bostic was the only player to start all 16 games, but the Redskins allowed only 30 quarterback sacks. The 6-7, 282-pound Jacoby proved that it takes more than press clippings to make it, as he beat out May at left tackle. Another second-year man, Russ Grimm, who cost the Redskins their 1982 No. 1 draft choice, is the left guard. Melvin Jones, who made it as another untested youngster, is the starter at right guard. George Starke, the only experienced lineman, lines up at right tackle, where there is still hope for May. Gary Sayre, a draft choice who didn't play last year, and second-year tackle Mike Daum also join the kiddie corps.

Changes on defense appear in store with the addition of several draft choices and the return of injured players. Coy Bacon is gone for good, leaving the end spots for Dexter Manley and Mat Mendenhall, with Dallas Hickman not far behind. Manley had six sacks as a rookie. Tackles Perry Brooks and Dave Butz are entrenched in the middle, with Brooks coming off a season in which he led the club in sacks with

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MATCH-UPS–ROSTER–STATISTICS–PAST RESULTS–ANALYSIS

COLLEGE MATCHUPS

(43) Missouri (-6) at Kansas (44)

MISSOURI (7-3)
Warren Powers (29-16) NT
Off: Veer PR: 107-109-110

1981 Schedule

S. 12 Army70 (+22)(+21)	L 24-10
19 Rice77 (+15)(+15½)	w 42-10
26 Louisville69 (NL)(NL)	34-3
O. 3 at Miss. St.115 (-5)(-7)	w 14-3
10 Kansas St.75 (+18)+20)	w58-13
17 at Iowa St.99 (+2)(+3½)	L 19-34
24 Nebraska122 (-4)(-7)	*w 0-6
31 Oklahoma St.92 (+13)(+12½)	L12-6
N. 7 at Colorado75 (+13)(+13)	w 30-1
14 Oklahoma124 (-7)(-7)	w 19-1
21 at Kansas	2:30

	RETURN	LOST
Lettermen	37	25
Starters (Off)	3	8
Starters (Def)	5	6

Game No. 10

Turnovers once again hurt the Sooners of Oklahoma. They fumbled nine times, lo six of them en route to a loss. Bob rushed for 108 yards and one tou lead the Tigers to the upset.

Oklahoma	7	0	0	
Missouri	3	10	6	

	OKLA	
1st Downs	16	
Rushes-Yds.	54-296	50-203
Passing Yds.	102	138
Return Yds.	22	13
Passing	8-19-2	11-25-1
Punts	5-41.0	7-45.3
Fumbles-lost	9-6	2-1
Penalties-Yds.	7-69	9-64

Totals After 10 Games

	MO	OPP	DIFF
1st Dns.	171	135	+36
Rsh. Att.	482	459	+23
Rsh. Yds.	1578	1446	+132
Avg. Rsh.	3.3	3.2	+0.1
Ps. Comp.	145	126	+19
Ps. Att.	284	256	+28
Ps. Yds.	1820	1176	+644
Had Int.	14	18	-4
Ret. Yds.	481	205	+276
Punts	74-39.1	77-40.2	-3,-1.1
Fum-lost	35-17	41-24	-6,-7
Pen.-Yds.	58-519	59-480	-1,+39

POINTS

	MO	OPP.
Total Pts.(Avg.)	246(24.6)	123(12.3)
Home Pts.(Avg.)	189(26.7)	72(10.3)
Away Pts.(Avg.)	57(19.0)	51(17.0)

POINTSPREAD

	HOME	AWAY
Actual Record	5-2	2-1
Spread Record	4-2	2-1
Record as Favorite	3-1	1-1
Record as Underdog	1-1	1-0
Favorite vs. Spread	2-2	1-1
Underdog vs. Spread	2-0	1-0

KANSAS (7-3)
Don Fambrough (14-16-2) AT
Off: Pro-Set PR: 83-81-82

1981 Schedule

S. 5 at Tulsa (NL)(NL)	15-11
12 Oregon105 (-2)(-1)	w 19-10
26 Kentucky101 (+3)(+5)	*21-16
O. 3 Arkansas St. (NL)(NL)	17-16
10 Okla. St.91 (+4)(+4)	L 7-20
17 at Oklahoma123 (-17)(-20)	L 7-45
24 Kansas St.74 (+11)(+12½)	L 17-14
31 at Nebraska122 (-26)(NL)	15-31
N. 7 at Iowa St. (-15)(-12½)	w 24-11
14 Colorado74 (+9)(+9)	w27-0
21 Missouri	2:30

	RETURN	LOST
Lettermen	42	19
Starters (Off)	[illegible]	[illegible]
Starters (Def)	[illegible]	[illegible]

Opponent's Power Rating

Opening & Closing Pointspread

Pointspread Result

Game Result

S.12 Army70 (+22)(+21) L 24-10
19 Rice77 (+15)(+15½) w 42-10
26 Louisville69 (NL)(NL) 34-3
3 at Miss. St.115 (-5)(-7)
St.75 (+18)+20)

Passing				
Punts		8-37.9	3-41.3	
Fumbles-lost		0-0	2-0	
Penalties-Yds.		1-5	7-55	

Totals After 10 Games

	KAN	OPP	DIFF
1st Dns.	149	164	-15
Rsh. Att.	487	469	+18
Rsh. Yds.	1529	1837	-308
Avg. Rsh.	3.1	3.9	-0.8
Ps. Comp.	93	88	+5
Ps. Att.	187	184	+3
Ps. Yds.	1183	893	+290
Had Int.	11	12	-1
Ret. Yds.	270	438	-168
Punts	66-43.6	57-39.4	+9,+4.2
Fum-lost	31-14	25-12	+6,+2
Pen.-Yds.	57-555	48-378	+9,+177

POINTS

	KAN	OPP.
Total Pts.(Avg.)	169(16.9)	174(17.4)
Home Pts.(Avg.)	108(18.0)	76(12.7)
Away Pts.(Avg.)	61(15.3)	98(24.5)

POINTSPREAD

	HOME	AWAY
Actual Record	5-1	2-2
Spread Record	2-2-1	1-1
Record as Favorite	2-2	0-0
Record as Underdog	1-0	1-1
Favorite vs. Spread	1-2-1	0-0
Underdog vs. Spread	1-0	1-1

Series Record: Missouri 42-38-9
Last Game: 1980; Missouri* (-10) 31, Kansas 6

No longer in the Big Eight race, Missouri and Kansas still look to finish the season, good ones for both, on a strong note . . . Missouri started out blazing but then stumbled some once conference play began . . . The Tiger coach, Warren Powers, has to be pleased with this year's inexperienced bunch which is led by a stellar defensive squad and quarterback Mike Hyde on offense . . .

Prediction: Kansas 20, Missouri 13

100 COLLEGE TEAMS

28 PRO TEAMS

6½ and forced four fumbles. Offensive lineman Darryl Grant will be moved to defense and draftee Todd Liebenstein is a prospect if he recovers from knee surgery. Butz is the only one of the group to have played in every game.

The Redskins' strength on defense is at linebacker, which may cause coordinator Richie Petitbon to toy with the 3-4. Starters Monte Coleman, Neil Olkewicz, and Rich Milot must survive challenges from nine others. Brad Dusek Peter Cronan, Quentin Lowry, Mel Kaufman, and Charlie Weaver all played last season and will be joined by Larry Kubin, a highly-regarded middle linebacking prospect from Penn State who sat out last season with an injury. As if that weren't enough, the Redskins spent their 6th, 7th, and final draft choices on more linebackers: Lemont Jeffers, John Schachtner, and Jeff Goff.

The Redskins hope to maintain one of football's most consistent and effective secondaries despite the absence of veteran all-star cornerback Lemar Parrish, who was traded to Buffalo. To underscore the importance of this area, they made San Diego State's Vernon Dean their opening draft choice. Dean was a second-rounder who came with question marks, but his San Diego State background makes him a better-than-average risk.

Washington's right corner, another Joe (Lavender), is a reliable performer, also formerly of San Diego State. The other starting corner is Jeris White, who was listed ahead of Parrish before the trade. Tony Peters at strong safety and Murphy at free safety make the Redskins so solid in the middle that Gibbs thought of switching kick-return specialist Mike Nelms from back-up safety to wide receiver before Powell was drafted. Curtis Jordan, LeCharls McDaniel, and Cris Crissy will battle draftees Ken Coffey and Harold Smith for back-up spots.

Washington's specialty teams, traditionally strong, ranked in the top five in the NFC in all areas last year. Nelms made the Pro Bowl for the second year in a row. Place-kicker Mark Moseley moved up to 15th on the all-time NFL scoring list with his eighth consecutive season over 80 points. Mike Connell was the first Redskins punter in six years to average 40 yards.

"Our biggest problem last year was simply the injury bug," said Gibbs. "We've instituted a new offseason training program and are taking a much more demanding approach."

REDSKINS VETERAN ROSTER

no	name	pos	ht	wt	age	NFL exp	college
53	Bostic, Jeff	C	6-2	246	24	3	Clemson
69	Brooks, Perry	DT	6-3	260	28	5	Southern
	Brown, Charlie	WR	5-10	179	25	2	S.C. St.
65	Butz, Dave	DT	6-7	295	32	10	Purdue
82	Caster, Rich	TE	6-5	230	34	13	Jackson St.
35	Claitt, Rickey	RB	5-10	206	25	3	Beth-Cookman
67	Clark, Calvin	DE	6-4	260	23	2	Purdue
75	Clark, Mike	DE	6-4	240	23	2	Florida
51	Coleman, Monte	LB	6-2	230	25	4	Cent Arkansas
10	Connell, Mike	P	6-1	200	26	4	Cincinnati
28	Crissy, Cris	CB/WR	5-11	195	23	2	Princeton
65	Cronan, Peter	LB	6-2	238	27	5	Boston College
62	Daum, Mike	T	6-6	256	24	2	Cal Poly
63	Dean, Fred	G	6-3	253	27	6	Texas Southern
	Didier, Clint	TE	6-5	244	23	2	Portland St
59	Dusek, Brad	LB	6-2	223	32	9	Texas A&M
12	Flick, Tom	QB	6-1	190	24	2	Washington
89	Garrett, Alvin	RB	5-7	178	26	3	Angelo St
30	Giaquinto, Nick	RB	5-11	204	27	3	Connecticut
77	Grant, Darryl	G	6-1	230	23	2	Rice
68	Grimm, Russ	OL	6-3	250	23	2	Pittsburgh
38	Harmon, Clarence	RB	5-11	209	27	6	Mississippi St
78	Hickman, Dallas	DE/LB	6-6	242	30	7	California
40	Jackson, Wilbur	RB	6-1	219	31	8	Alabama
66	Jacoby, Joe	OL	6-7	282	23	2	Louisville
61	Jones, Melvin	G	6-2	260	26	2	Houston
22	Jordan, Curtis	CB	6-2	205	28	7	Texas Tech
55	Kaufman, Mel	LB	6-2	214	24	2	Cal Poly
11	Kessel, Phil	QB	6-2	205	24	2	N. Michigan
50	Kubin, Larry	LB	6-2	230	23	2	Penn State
20	Lavender, Joe	CB	6-4	185	33	10	San Diego St
56	Lowry, Quentin	LB	6-2	225	25	2	Youngstown
72	Manley, Dexter	DE	6-3	240	23	2	Oklahoma St
73	May, Mark	T	6-6	270	23	2	Pittsburgh
45	McDaniel, LeCharls	S	5-9	169	24	2	Cal Poly SLO
76	Mendenhall, Mat	DE	6-6	253	25	2	Brigham Young
26	Metcalf, Terry	RB	5-10	183	31	7	Long Beach St
57	Milot, Rich	LB	6-4	230	25	3	Penn St
81	Monk, Art	WR	6-3	209	25	3	Syracuse
3	Moseley, Mark	K	6-0	205	34	11	S. F. Austin
29	Murphy, Mark	FS	6-4	210	27	6	Colgate
21	Nelms, Mike	FS	6-1	185	27	3	Baylor
52	Olkewicz, Neal	LB	6-0	227	25	4	Maryland
79	Ogrin, Pat	DE	6-5	265	24	2	Wyoming
23	Peters, Tony	SS	6-1	177	29	8	Oklahoma
86	Raba, Bob	TE	6-4	235	27	5	Maryland
44	Riggins, John	RB	6-2	230	23	11	Kansas
64	Saul, Ron	G	6-3	254	34	13	Michigan St
	Scanlan, Jerry	R	6-5	270	25	3	Hawaii
80	Seay, Virgil	WR	5-8	170	24	2	Troy St
74	Starke, George	T	6-5	250	34	10	Columbia
7	Theismann, Joe	QB	6-0	195	33	9	Notre Dame
83	Thompson, Ricky	WR	6-0	177	28	7	Baylor
88	Walker, Rick	TE	6-4	235	27	6	UCLA
85	Warren, Don	TE	6-4	236	26	4	San Diego St
25	Washington, Joe	RB	5-10	179	29	6	Oklahoma
58	Weaver, Charlie	LB	6-2	225	33	12	Southern Cal
45	White, Jeris	CB	5-10	188	30	9	Hawaii
39	Wonsley, Otis	RB	5-10	214	25	2	Alcorn St

DRAFTEES

rd	name	pos	ht	wt	age	college
2	Dean, Vernon	CB	5-11	180	23	San Diego St.
3	Powell, Carl	WR	5-11	182	24	Jackson St.
4	Liebenstein, Todd	DE	6-6	245	22	Nev-Las Vegas
5	Williams, Michael	TE	6-4	230	23	Alabama A&M
6	Jeffers, Lemont	LB	6-3	205	22	Tennessee
7	Schachtner, John	LB	6-3	215	23	N. Arizona
8	Warthen, Ralph	DT	6-4	268	24	Gardner-Webb
9	Coffey, Ken	DB	5-11	188	22	SW Tex. St.
9	Trautman, Randy	DT	6-3	250	22	Boise St.
10	Smith, Harold	DE	6-3	235	23	Kentucky St.
10	Daniels, Terry	CB	5-11	177	22	Tennessee
11	Miller, Dan	K	5-10	172	22	Miami
11	Holly, Bob	QB	6-2	195	22	Princeton
12	Laster, Don	T	6-5	255	24	Tenn. St.
12	Goff, Jeff	LB	6-1	208	22	Arkansas

ST. LOUIS CARDINALS

Any team with Roy Green on it doesn't deserve to finish in fifth place. In fact, there are other good athletes on the Cardinals who *don't* play both ways, maybe enough of them to keep coach Jim Hanifan out of the cellar for the second year in a row. After all, Green can't do everything.

But who are they going to beat? The Cardinals play in football's up-and-coming division. Like the AFC East, which has sent all five of its teams to the playoffs within the last five years, the NFC East sent three teams last year and could do it again this year. The Cardinals may have one of those patsy fifth-place schedules, but that doesn't get them out of playing Dallas, Philadelphia, New York, and Washington twice each.

The Redskins would appear to be one place to start, but the Cardinals have better luck against the Cowboys. They have lost ten of their last 12 against the Redskins and only nine of their last 12 against the Cowboys. They have lost six of their last seven to the Eagles, including wipeouts of 52-10 and 38-0 last year. They even lost twice to the Giants last year, by 20 and 10 points, and that hadn't happened in one season since 1972.

The other half of the "easy" fifth-place schedule includes the NFC West, two games with Chicago, and one each with Seattle and New England. The Bears look like an easy mark, but the last time they played (three years ago), the Bears won, 42-6. So while the Cardinals appear to be improving, so does everything around them. It would take a major dramatic turnabout, similar to what happened in San Francisco last year, for the Cardinals to finish higher than fourth.

Versatile Roy Green excels on both offense and defense for St. Louis.

The Cardinals have a young, although quite promising, quarterback in Neil Lomax. They have an offensive line that was in need of a first-round draft choice, UCLA tackle Luis Sharpe. Their best deep-threat receiver, Green, may also be their best defensive back, which says a lot for Green as well as a little for the lack of talent at those positions.

On the subject of defense, the Cardinals are in another phase of change. They switched from the 3-4 to the 4-3 during last season. Then Hanifan hired Floyd Peters as assistant head coach, placing him a notch above defensive coordinator Tom Bettis. This means Peters, a successful defensive line coach, will work with Bettis in coordinating a defense that ranked last in the NFC last year. They hope to improve it by juggling personnel as well as coaching responsibilities. History tells us that teams don't ordinarily improve until the juggling stops. In St. Louis, things don't seem that certain yet.

Lomax, who replaced the aged Jim Hart last year, will benefit from knowing he is No. 1 from

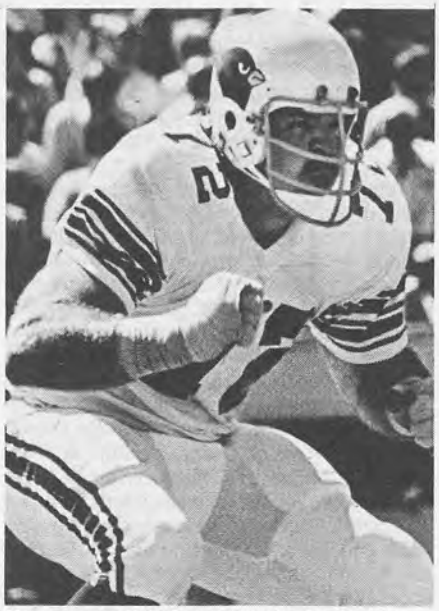
day one. An impressive second-year quarterback is a good place to start on the road to solidarity. Lomax received his baptism in the first game of last season, but wasn't handed the job full-time until the Cardinals were 3-7 and apparently out of the playoff picture. All Lomax did was lead the team to four straight victories, completing 64 percent of his passes.

The Cardinals were brought back to earth by losing their final two games, scoring only one touchdown in the process. But Lomax showed maturity and poise along with his arm and mobility. The fear that a kid from Portland State couldn't adjust to the big time was dispelled. It can't hurt his development to know that the 38-year-old Hart will stick around another year to help tutor Lomax. Only eight other quarterbacks in history have thrown 200 touchdown passes. The third-stringer, Rusty Lisch, is indicative of the unsettled nature of this team. Lisch played in nine games last season, none at quarterback. He played free safety for parts of games and started the finale. He also played special teams.

Green is primed to become Lomax's No. 1 target. He led the club in TD catches last season with four, although he started only two games and shared time with old pro Mel Gray. He also led the NFC with an average gain of 21.4 yards per catch. Despite Green's obvious offensive talent, Hanifan couldn't afford to take him off the special teams or his defensive safety spot. He became the first player since 1957 to catch a touchdown pass and make an interception in the same game. He did it three times. Against New Orleans, he intercepted a pass, caught a pass, and ran a fake punt 44 yards for a touchdown. Hanifan says Green will play offense only this year. But what happens when the defense needs a big play? Who could blame Hanifan for changing his mind?

Gray needs to catch passes in ten consecutive games to tie the NFL record of 127 held by Philadelphia's Harold Carmichael. Gray's age (34) and the presence of Green will not make this an easy task. On the other side, Lomax has steady Pat Tilley, who led the team in receiving for the fourth straight year with 66 catches for 1,040 yards. Nobody has better hands. Hanifan will seek depth from Jets' castoff Ralph Clayton and two young prospects off the injury list, Jim Joiner and James Mallard.

Tight end appears in good shape with former Eagle Greg LaFleur pressing former starter Doug Marsh, who lost his job when he was injured. The two are good enough for Hanifan to consider another one of his position switches, moving Chris Combs to tackle.



Veteran tackle Dan Dierdorf provides protection for Cards' QB Neil Lomax.

Ottis Anderson became the Cardinals' all-time leading rusher in his third season last year. It was his third straight 1, 300-yard-plus output and his third year of plus-300 carries. He has never missed a game and must continue to excel if the Cardinals are to have a chance of competing at a high level. The same is true of fullback Wayne Morris, described as the complete team player. His blocking springs Anderson and his running and receiving are consistent. Morris has not fumbled in his last 236 car-

1981 LEADERS AND NFC RANKINGS

SCORING—O'Donoghue, 93 points on 19 field goals and 36 PAT's . . .10th
RUSHING—Anderson, 328 carries for 1,376 yards, 4.2 avg., 9 TD's. . .5th
PASSING—Hart, 134 of 241 attempts for 1,694 yards, 11 TD's. . .11th
RECEIVING—Tilley, 66 receptions for 1,040 yards, 15.8 avg., 3 TD's. . .8th
INTERCEPTIONS—Greene, 7 for 111 yards, 15.9 avg. . .8th
PUNTING—Birdsong, 69 punts, 41.8 avg., longest 75 yards. . .5th
PUNT RETURNS—Mitchell, 42 for 445 yards, 10.6 avg., 1 TD. . .5th
KICKOFF RETURNS—Mitchell, 55 for 1,292 yards, 23.5 avg. . .4th

PRESEASON SCHEDULE

August	13	At Seattle (N)
	21	At San Francisco (N)
	28	At Chicago (N)
September	4	KANSAS CITY (N)

1982 SCHEDULE			1981 SCORES
September	12	At New Orleans	30-3
	19	DALLAS	20-17
	26	At Washington	21-42
October	3	LOS ANGELES	—
	10	At New York Giants	14-34
	17	CHICAGO	—
	24	At New England	27-20
	31	PHILADELPHIA	10-52
November	7	At Dallas	17-30
	14	SEATTLE	—
	21	SAN FRANCISCO	—
	28	At Atlanta	20-41
December	5	At Philadelphia	0-38
	12	WASHINGTON	40-30
	19	At Chicago	—
	26	NEW YORK GIANTS	10-2

Ottis Anderson became the Cardinals' all-time leading rusher last season.

ries, dating back to 1979. Outstanding kick returner Stump Mitchell backs up Anderson and Randy Love is the reserve fullback, but Anderson and Morris rarely need help.

Hanifan built his reputation as an offensive line coach, but the line he built has been in need of repair lately. Sharpe, who is able to play anywhere, according to scouts, will join the crowd at left tackle. George Collins started 13 games there last year, but he was being pushed by 6-7, 265-pound Rams' castoff Art Plunkett. Terry Stieve hopes to return to top form at left guard, where he played last year at 245 pounds in order to minimize stress on a surgical knee. The rest of the line is more solid, with Tom Brahaney at center, Joe Bostic at right guard, and Dan Dierdorf, who remains the anchor at age 33, at right tackle. Barney Cotton, Randy Clark, Ron Coder, and Joe Adams add depth.

The Cardinals' defense couldn't stop the run last year, despite the addition of impressive No. 1 rookie linebacker E.J. Junior. That indicates trouble up front and Peters was hired to help solve it. The former coach of the "Gold Rush" in San Francisco and the "Silver Rush" in Detroit will settle for any old kind of a rush in St. Louis. Besides giving up more yards per run than any other defense, the Cardinals finished 20th in quarterback sacks.

The St. Louis defense has been the Cardinal downfall in recent years, and last season it set club records for most points, touchdowns, first downs, total yards, and rushing yards allowed in a season. Switching from the 3-4 to the 4-3 at midstream helped, but Peters needs to switch horses, too.

Starting left end Bob Pollard was released following the season, paving the way for second-round draft choice David Galloway to challenge for an immediate job. His competition includes Bruce Radford, Stafford Mays, and Dale Markham. The three other positions are more settled. Tackle Mike Dawson played full-time last year whether he was on the nose in the 3-4 or on the left side in the 4-3. He is strong against the run. The play of Rush Brown and Curtis Greer at right end was the main reason the Cardinals switched to the 4-3. They want both of them in the game. Brown moved to right tackle and Greer stayed at right end, where he led the club in sacks with 12½. Greer has improved against the run.

More experimenting is on tap at linebacker, with second-year man Dave Ahrens the only player certain of where he will line up. He was second on the club in tackles and played the final ten weeks in the middle. Junior started inside in the 3-4 and moved to the right outside spot in the 4-3. He has the physical tools to become a force similar to fellow 1981 draftees Lawrence Taylor and Hugh Green if the Cardinals let him settle on a spot. Junior will stay on the right side if Eric Williams or Calvin Favron wins the starting job on the left. Both men are being challenged by Charlie Baker. If Baker proves a better linebacker than either, he will play the right side, where he is most comfortable, and Junior will move to the left. There is decent depth at the position. Second-year prospect John Gillen, coming off an injury, will join the competition for a spot.

There also is the threat of upheaval in the secondary. Veteran Roger Wehrli, one of four starters at cornerback last year, will get first shot at the right-side job, where he once was an all-pro. Wehrli had to play the left side some last year and was not impressive. The Cardinals like second-year corner Jeff Griffin on the left because of his aggressiveness in stopping the run as well as in covering the pass. Wehrli will get stiff challenges from veterans Carl Allen and Tim Collier on the right side. Allen has been effective on the left as a starter, but was hampered by injury last year. Charles Johnson is a free agent who played in nickel situations last year and is another corner candidate.

Ken Greene led the club in interceptions with seven and in tackles with 143 from his free safety spot. A free safety leading a team in tackles is not what most coaches like to brag about. Underrated Lee Nelson is a steady strong safety and was honored last year as the team's most improved player. Free agents Herb Williams, Steve Carpenter, and Don Schwartz will be challenged by converted wide receiver Dave Stief for back-up safety spots. If they all fail, there is always Roy Green.

Punter Carl Birdsong was impressive as a rookie, finishing fourth in the NFC in net average. Neil O'Donoghue appeared to solve the place-kicking problem once and for all by converting an impressive 70 percent of field goals inside 50 yards and 88 percent inside 40. Stump Mitchell set club records for kick returns. He didn't make a fair catch all year and averaged 10.6 yards per punt return.

Ken Greene led St. Louis in interceptions and tackles in 1981.

CARDINALS VETERAN ROSTER

no	name	pos	ht	wt	age	NFL exp	college
78	Adams, Joe	G	6-5	255	25	1	Nebraska
58	Ahrens, Dave	LB	6-3	230	24	2	Wisconsin
27	Allen, Carl	CB	6-0	188	27	6	So. Miss
32	Anderson, Ottis	RB	6-2	220	25	4	Miami
52	Baker, Charlie	LB	6-2	218	25	3	New Mexico
18	Birdsong, Carl	P	6-0	192	23	2	SW Oklahoma
71	Bostic, Joe	G	6-3	268	25	4	Clemson
51	Brahaney, Tom	C	6-2	247	31	10	Oklahoma
69	Brown, Rush	DT	6-2	257	28	3	Ball St.
43	Carpenter, Steve	DB	6-2	205	23	2	W. Illinois
64	Clark, Randy	OL	6-3	254	25	3	N. Illinois
86	Clayton, Ralph	WR	6-3	222	24	2	Michigan
61	Coder, Ron	G	6-4	260	28	5	Penn St.
44	Collier, Tim	CB	6-0	176	28	7	E. Texas St.
66	Collins, George	T	6-2	265	27	5	Georgia
80	Combs, Chris	TE	6-4	249	24	3	New Mexico
60	Cotton, Barney	G	6-5	265	26	4	Nebraska
73	Dawson, Mike	DT	6-4	275	29	7	Arizona
72	Dierdorf, Dan	T	6-3	288	33	11	Michigan
59	Favron, Calvin	LB	6-1	227	25	4	SE La.
50	Field, Doak	LB	6-2	227	24	2	Baylor
57	Gillen, John	LB	6-3	228	24	2	Illinois
85	Gray, Mel	WR	5-9	175	34	12	Missouri
25	Green, Roy	WR/DB	6-0	195	25	4	Henderson St.
37	Greene, Ken	S	6-3	205	26	5	Wash. St.
75	Greer, Curtis	DE	6-4	258	25	3	Michigan
35	Griffin, Jeff	CB	6-0	185	24	2	Utah
39	Harrell, Willard	RB	5-8	182	30	8	Pacific
17	Hart, Jim	QB	6-1	210	38	17	Southern Ill.
46	Johnson, Charles	DB	5-10	180	26	4	Grambling
29	Joiner, Jim	WR	6-2	195	23	1	Miami
54	Junior, E.J.	LB	6-3	235	23	2	Alabama
56	Kearney, Tim	LB	6-2	227	32	11	N. Michigan
89	LaFleur, Greg	TE	6-4	236	24	2	LSU
16	Lisch, Rusty	QB	6-3	215	26	3	Notre Dame
15	Lomax, Neil	QB	6-3	214	23	2	Portland St.
40	Love, Randy	RB	6-1	205	26	4	Houston
62	Markham, Dale	T	6-8	280	25	2	North Dakota
87	Marsh, Doug	TE	6-3	238	24	3	Michigan
76	Mays, Stafford	DE	6-2	250	24	3	Washington
30	Mitchell, Stump	RB	5-9	188	23	2	The Citadel
24	Morris, Wayne	RB	6-0	208	28	7	SMU
38	Nelson, Lee	S	5-10	185	28	7	Florida St.
11	O'Donoghue, Neil	K	6-6	210	29	6	Auburn
70	Plunkett, Art	T	6-7	262	23	2	UNLV
79	Radford, Bruce	DE	6-5	260	27	4	Grambling
48	Schwartz, Don	DB	6-1	194	26	5	Wash. St.
84	Stief, Dave	WR	6-3	195	26	5	Portland St.
68	Stieve, Terry	G	6-2	265	28	6	Wisconsin
83	Tilley, Pat	WR	5-10	175	29	7	Louisiana Tech
74	Times, Ken	DT	6-2	248	26	2	Southern
22	Wehrli, Roger	CB	6-0	194	35	14	Missouri
55	Williams, Eric	LB	6-2	235	27	6	USC
42	Williams, Herb	DB	6-0	200	24	3	Southern

DRAFTEES

rd	name	pos	ht	wt	age	college
1	Sharpe, Luis	T	6-4	250	22	UCLA
2	Galloway, David	DE	6-3	283	23	Florida
3	Perrin, Benny	DB	6-2	175	23	Alabama
3	Guilbeau, Rusty	DE	6-4	250	24	McNeese St.
4	Robbins, James	T	6-5	270	24	E. Carolina
5	Bedford, Vance	DB	5-11	170	24	Texas
5	Ferrell, Earl	RB	6-0	215	23	E. Tenn. St.
6	Shaffer, Craig	LB	6-0	230	23	Indiana St.
7	Sebro, Bob	T	6-4	255	23	Colorado
8	Lindstrom, Chris	DT	6-7	245	22	Boston U.
9	Dailey, Darnell	LB	6-2	223	23	Maryland
10	McGill, Eddie	TE	6-6	225	22	W. Carolina
11	Williams, James	DE	6-7	258	25	N.C. A&T
12	Atha, Bob	K	5-11	180	22	Ohio St.

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MINNESOTA VIKINGS

The once-mighty Minnesota Vikings finished with a 7-9 record last season, their second 7-9 season in three years. Shortly afterwards, top running back Ted Brown was accidentally shot in the hip with a pistol. Then top quarterback Tommy Kramer admitted himself to a rehabilitation program for alcoholics.

So what does all this do to the Vikings' outlook for 1982? For one thing, the Vikings will be different. No one is ready to concede they will have another losing season, but they will be different. They will be a warm-weather team. Nothing is sacred. Pete Rozelle is no longer infallible. The Pittsburgh Steelers got old. There's no snow in Minneapolis. Bud Grant sold his long underwear. Will the icicle stare melt, too?

The Vikings have moved into the Hubert Humphrey Metrodome, the Hump, and winter suddenly is no longer a factor. It is unlikely the Vikings will lose their home-field advantage, however, They drafted a human dynamo, Darrin Nelson, to replace the swirling winds. Nelson on artificial turf could be the real thing for the Vikings. He is little, at 5-8, 175, but his quickness and receiving ability are expected to fit in perfectly with the Vikings' wide-open style of offense.

"He should be great with them," said Jim Finks, a former Viking general manager and now the Bears' GM.

Since the Vikings gained 69 percent of their yardage by passing last year, it is mind boggling to imagine how Nelson can make things any livelier. But that's exactly what the Vikings under innovative offensive coordinator Jerry Burns plan to do.

As for Kramer, he has been pronounced fit and ready since his release from the alcoholism program in early spring. Grant does not believe that the drinking problems contributed to Kramer's erratic performance as much as the knee problems did, but one thing is fairly certain: learning to cope with alcohol shouldn't hurt his performance. The knees are fine, too, the Vikings report. If so, Kramer should be ready to resume his position near the top of the pack of NFL quarterbacks.

Nelson was not drafted to replace Brown, either. Although the bullet remains lodged near his pelvis, Brown has recuperated to the point that he was playing basketball and racquetball in the spring. He remains the team's No. 1 runner, Nelson or no Nelson.

So don't kiss off the Vikings. Grant alone, with his credentials as the best coach in the NFL Central Division, can make his club a contender. He dislikes the word "rebuilding," and his record shows the Vikings rarely have to do that. If anything, they find themselves in occasional periods of "transition." The addition of Nelson and the possible incorporation of several other young prospects may make 1982 a year of transition.

Finks, still an astute observer of his former team, thinks the Vikings slipped last year

Quarterback Tommy Kramer (#9), offensive linemen Ron Yary (#73) and Brent Boyd (#62), and defensive end Mark Mullaney (right) of Vikings.

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because they relied too much on Kramer. When a man pulls out as many last-minute victories as Kramer has since replacing Frank Tarkenton in 1979, it is easy for teammates to start thinking, "Let Tommy do it."

Nelson's presence is designed to give Kramer more help. Although having his best overall season statistically in 1981, Kramer was unable to coax his colleagues into the end zone with consistency. In the Vikings' final three games, all losses to knock them from post-season contention, they scored 9, 7, and 6 points.

Backing up Kramer is former Stanford quarterback Steve Dils, who has teamed up with Nelson before. He is coming off knee surgery. Second-year man Wade Wilson is the third quarterback.

In the Vikings' pass-happy philosophy, Kramer is fortunately accompanied by the finest set of receivers this side of Green Bay. Tight end Joe Senser is big and agile and able to make tough catches. Now starting only his third season, he could be ready to establish himself as the No. 1 tight end in football. He caught 79 passes for 1,000 yards and 8 touchdowns in an all-pro performance. Wide receiver Sammy White was only three yards behind on 66 catches, and wide receiver Ahmad Rashad was only one touchdown behind on 58 catches. All three finished behind running back Brown in number of grabs. Brown had 83.

Rashad and White are a tough twosome to cover. Both are capable of running almost every route and catching almost every type of pass with consistency. This opens things up for Senser and everybody else. When Grant puts Terry LeCount wide, defenses are spread even thinner. And second-year man Mardye McDole could be ready to contribute his considerable talent somewhere. Back-up Bob Bruer plays when the Vikings use two tight ends, which is more often than anyone might deem possible. He caught only seven passes last season, but three were in the end zone.

The Vikings are determined to incorporate more than one running back into their attack. But running the ball is clearly secondary to throwing it. So ask if Nelson can line up in the same backfield with Brown and the answer is sure, one of them probably will be split wide anyway.

Brown ran 274 times last year. Fullback Rickey Young was next with only 47 carries. Nelson had three 1,000-yard rushing seasons at Stanford, so he is expected to get some handoffs as well as passes. But don't expect many. There are other backs capable of taking the running burden off Brown. Tony Galbreath, who arrived from New Orleans during last season, should make a much bigger contribution this season. Second-year man Jarvis Redwine also should be able to use his considerable speed to greater advantage on the artificial turf.

Grant made Nelson the first back drafted because, he said, "Nelson can play wide receiver, he can play wingback, he can go in motion, and he can be the I-back." He can also play with the minds of the Minnesota faithful. He told reporters on draft day that the Vikings were the only club he didn't want to play for because they didn't pay well and he didn't like to go to discos that played country music. Grant said he was putting people on and Nelson later agreed. Viking fans better hope so.

The Kramer-Nelson-Brown-Rashad-White-Senser thrill and skill show will require a certain amount of support from the troops up front. Kramer is rarely sacked because of his ability to get rid of the ball quickly in the Vikings' nickel-and-dime attack. But the rushing game leaves plenty to be desired, even for a team that doesn't care much about it.

Grant will line up once again with veterans Steve Riley and Ron Yary at the tackles, although second-year man Tim Irwin and second-round rookie draft choice Terry Tausch could push either one. The Vikings tried to trade Riley two years ago, but he flunked the physical of the New Orleans Saints. Yary heads into season number 15 at age 36, a long time to play, even for a tackle. The Vikes like Irwin, who has the size it takes at 6-6, 275. Tausch was projected as a first-round choice by many scouts, who are reminded of former Texas great Jerry Sisemore when they evaluate him.

Darrin Nelson, the Vikings' top draftee

Veterans Jim Hough and Wes Hamilton are the guards, but third-year man David Huffman is pushing for action. Brent Boyd was another good, young prospect until a knee injury made him questionable. Dennis Swilley is a fine center, too good for former all-pro Jim Langer to beat out.

After becoming primarily a 3-4 team last year, the Vikings improved from 26th to 17th on defense. More changes are in store, signaled by the trade of long-time solid middle linebacker Jeff Siemon to San Diego. The Vikings also drafted three rookie linebackers and they like last year's draftee, Robin Sendlein, very much.

Matt Blair remains the anchor of the linebacking group. He never misses a game and led the club in tackles last year. He always leads in blocked kicks, getting four last year. Scott Studwell remains inside, where he finished second to Blair in tackles. In Siemon's

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PRESEASON SCHEDULE

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	21	SEATTLE
	28	At Denver (N)
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	26	DALLAS	—
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	10	At Tampa Bay	13-21
	17	NEW ORLEANS	20-10
	24	GREEN BAY	23-35
November	1	DETROIT (N)	26-24
	7	At San Francisco	—
	14	At Washington	—
	21	At Green Bay (Milwaukee)	30-13
	28	CHICAGO	24-21
December	5	At Miami	—
	12	BALTIMORE	—
	19	At Detroit	7-45
	26	NEW YORK JETS	—

absence, Studwell's sidekick could be third-year man Dennis Johnson or rookies Jim Fahnhorst or Kirk Harmon. There is an outside chance that right linebacker Fred McNeill could move inside, if Sendlein proves too good to keep on the bench. Rookie Greg Storr also is a possibility outside. The Vikings liked him well enough to draft him ahead of Harmon, although most scouts rated Harmon higher.

Up front, the Vikings start with Mark Mullaney, James White, and Randy Holloway left to right with Doug Martin the fourth man in passing situations. Holloway and Martin each had 5 1/2 sacks last year. Holloway beat out Martin as a starter during the season. All four of the linemen are No. 1 draft choices. As a group, they are probably as talented as the famed Purple People Eaters of the past. They don't dominate, because rules don't allow it anymore.

"It's harder to make sacks because the offensive linemen can do everything but grab and tackle you; it's harder to get to the quarterback because he can throw on rhythm now that a defensive back can't hold up a receiver; interceptions are harder to get because the quarterback has more time and the receivers are finding it easier to get open," said Grant.

"So what we're trying to do now is not to shut people down, but to minimize their effectiveness. It's like in a basketball game, where you can't necessarily stop a guy from shooting, but maybe you can make him shoot from a few feet farther out, and that might be just as effective. Maybe we can't get to the quarterback, but we might be able to force him to throw just a fraction of a second sooner than he wants to."

Ken Sanders, Ray Yakovonis, Neil Elshire, and Wendell Ray will vie for back-up spots on the line.

In the defensive backfield, cornerbacks John Turner and Willie Teal have established themselves as starters, although second-year man John Swain appears ready to argue the point. Veteran Walt Williams also is a factor when the Vikings go to five, six, or seven backs. Safeties Tommy Hannon and Kurt Knoff form an effective if unsung duo in the middle. They are capably backed by Keith Nord. Youngsters Tom Lawrence, Steve Neilson, and Wayne Schluchter and draftee Bryan Howard will vie for other roster spots.

Rick Danmeier made 21 of 25 field goals last year, including four longer than 40 yards. Greg Coleman averaged more than 40 yards a punt, the first Viking to do that in six years. The dome should help both. Eddie Payton is becoming more reliable as a punt and kickoff return man, fumbling less while still threatening to break touchdowns. The dome should help the quick Payton, too, but the Vikings' special teams must reciprocate with better punt and kickoff coverage.

"It's been said that the Vikings will be losing the advantage of bad weather when we move into the dome," said Grant. "But it's been so long since we've had bad field conditions at home that I've almost forgotten what it's like. We haven't enjoyed a bad-field advantage for about four years. We have been wondering why no team that plays in a dome has ever won a division championship. At this point I have no idea why, but I might after this year if we don't win."

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52	Johnson, Dennis	LB	6-3	230	24	3	Southern Cal.
53	Johnson, Henry	LB	6-2	235	24	3	Georgia Tech
25	Knoff, Kurt	S	6-2	188	28	7	Kansas
9	Kramer, Tommy	QB	6-1	199	27	6	Rice
58	Langer, Jim	C	6-2	253	34	13	S. Dakota St.
43	Lawrence, Tom	CB	6-0	182	24	R	Duluth
80	LeCount, Terry	WR	5-10	172	26	5	Florida
87	Lewis, Leo	WR	5-8	170	26	2	Missouri
79	Martin, Doug	DE	6-3	258	25	3	Washington
88	McDole, Mardye	WR	5-11	195	23	2	Miss. St.
54	McNeill, Fred	LB	6-2	229	30	9	UCLA
77	Mullaney, Mark	DE	6-6	242	29	8	Colorado St.
74	Murtha, Greg	T	6-6	268	25	1	Minnesota
42	Neilson, Steve	S	6-0	205	22	R	St. Thomas
49	Nord, Keith	S	6-0	197	25	4	St. Cloud St.
40	Paschal, Doug	RB	6-2	219	24	2	North Carolina
31	Payton, Eddie	KR	5-6	179	31	6	Jackson St.
28	Rashad, Ahmad	WR	6-2	200	33	10	Oregon
90	Ray, Wendell	DE	6-4	233	26	1	Missouri
22	Redwine, Jarvis	RB	5-10	198	25	2	Nebraska
78	Riley, Steve	T	6-6	253	30	9	Southern Cal.
26	Schluchter, Wayne	S	6-3	202	23	R	N. Dakota St.
57	Sendlein, Robin	LB	6-3	224	24	2	Texas
81	Senser, Joe	TE	6-4	238	26	3	West Chester
71	Stephanos, William	T	6-4	262	25	1	Boston College
55	Studwell, Scott	LB	6-2	224	28	6	Illinois
29	Swain, John	CB	6-1	195	23	2	Miami
67	Swilley, Dennis	C	6-3	241	27	6	Texas A&M
37	Teal, Willie	CB	5-10	195	25	3	LSU
27	Turner, John	CB	6-0	199	26	5	Miami
72	White, James	DT	6-3	263	29	7	Oklahoma St.
85	White, Sammy	WR	5-11	189	28	7	Grambling
44	Williams, Walt	CB	6-1	185	28	6	New Mexico St.
11	Wilson, Wade	QB	6-3	212	23	2	E. Texas St.
91	Yakavonis, Ray	DE	6-4	243	25	2	E. Stroudsburg
73	Yary, Ron	T	6-6	255	36	15	Southern Cal.
34	Young, Rickey	RB	6-2	195	29	8	Jackson St.

DRAFTEES

rd	name	pos	ht	wt	age	college
1	Nelson, Darrin	RB	5-9	185	23	Stanford
2	Tausch, Terry	OT	6-5	278	23	Texas
4	Fahnhorst, Jim	LB	6-4	232	24	Minnesota
6	Storr, Greg	LB	6-2	224	22	Boston College
7	Jordan, Steve	TE	6-4	228	21	Brown
8	Harmon, Kirk	LB	6-2	235	24	Pacific
9	Howard, Bryan	S	6-1	200	23	Tenn St.
10	Lucear, Gerald	WR	5-11	179	23	Temple
11	Rouse, Curtis	OG	6-3	307	22	Chattanooga
12	Milner, Hobson	RB	6-2	225	23	Cincinnati

DETROIT LIONS

When in doubt, pick the Detroit Lions for second. They might win the NFC Central Division title one of these years, if for no other reason than the law of averages. There have been seasons when they should have won, like last year. There have been seasons when they could have won, like two years ago. There are seasons when they think they will win, like this one and most others. But they always finish second. In nine of the last 13 seasons, the Lions have finished second. They have never won during that period.

The Lions always find a way to foul things up. Last year, they beat Oakland, Chicago, Dallas, Kansas City, and Minnesota on national television. With Billy Sims improving on his outstanding rookie season, the Lions led the league in rushing. They even won two games without Sims. The Lions' defense led the league in stopping the run. Coach Monte Clark lost quarterback Gary Danielson and watched Eric Hipple lead his team to six victories in the final ten games. The Lions were ahead in every game they played. They won seven straight in the Silverdome and met the Tampa Bay Buccaneers for the division title in the final game.

So what happened? They finished second. They didn't even have a winning season. They were 7-1 at home, 1-7 on the road. Such cordial road guests are always welcome, but the Lions are going to have to find a way to make themselves feel more at home. On the road, the Lions lost five games by seven points or less, four in the last minute of play.

"I don't think it's a jinx or anything like that," said Clark. "It's just a matter of concentration and working harder to eliminate mistakes."

Lest his Lions become snakebit and convinced that second place is their station in life, Clark is making certain he sounds optimistic and confident about 1982. Most coaches manage to do likewise, naturally, but Clark has gone out of his way. He said he saw substantial improvement from a 9-7 year in 1980 to an 8-8 year in 1981.

Of the 55 players on the veteran training camp roster, only nine were with the Lions in the pre-Clark era, so this is definitely Monte's team. To be sure, Clark's view of his talent is en-

dorsed by many personnel experts. The Lions are a team of youthful experience at the ball-handling spots and they are solid when healthy on both lines.

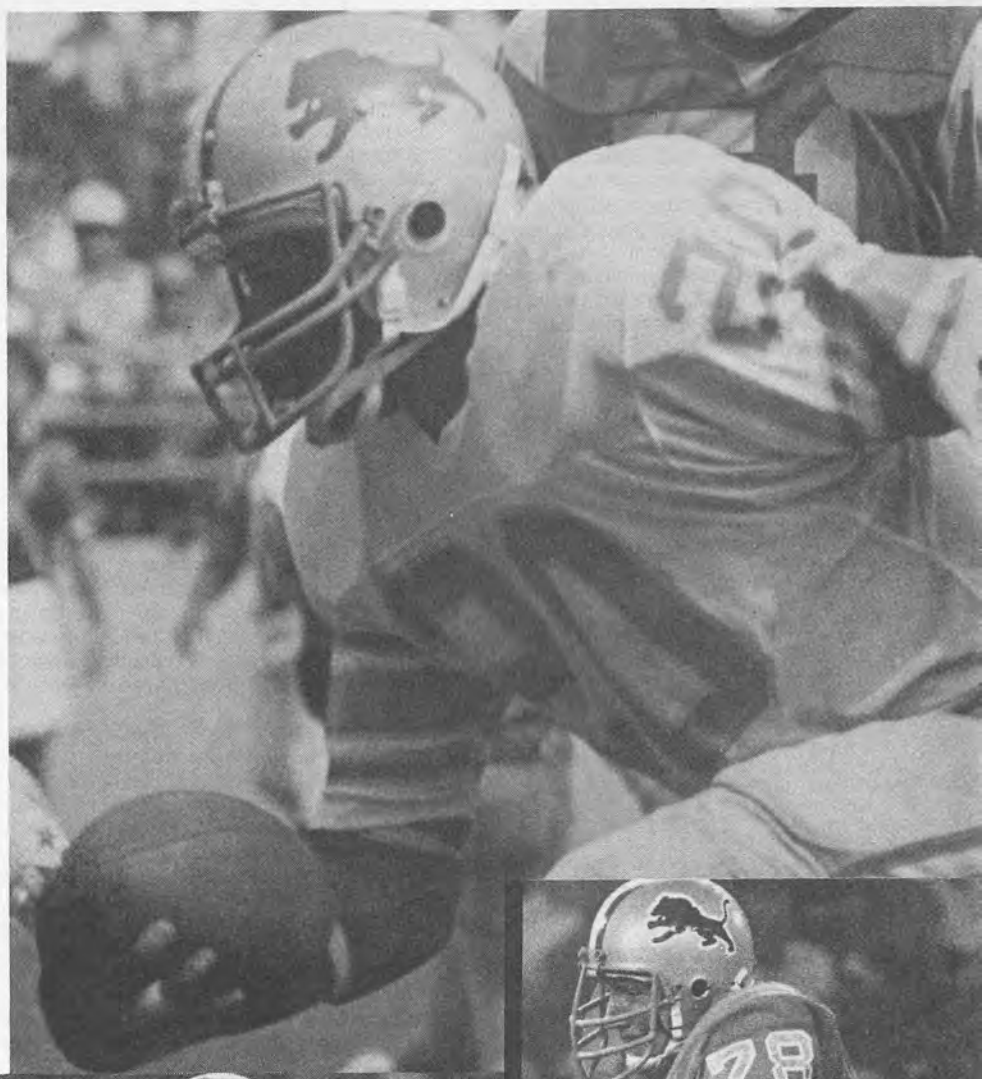
To avert another runner-up season, they must improve in the defensive secondary. Clark used his first five draft choices to tab two linebackers and three defensive backs. Presumably, none is afraid to make road trips. The Bears were the Lions' only road victim last year. The Bucs were the only division club to sweep the Lions, who split with the Vikings and Packers. That is not enough.

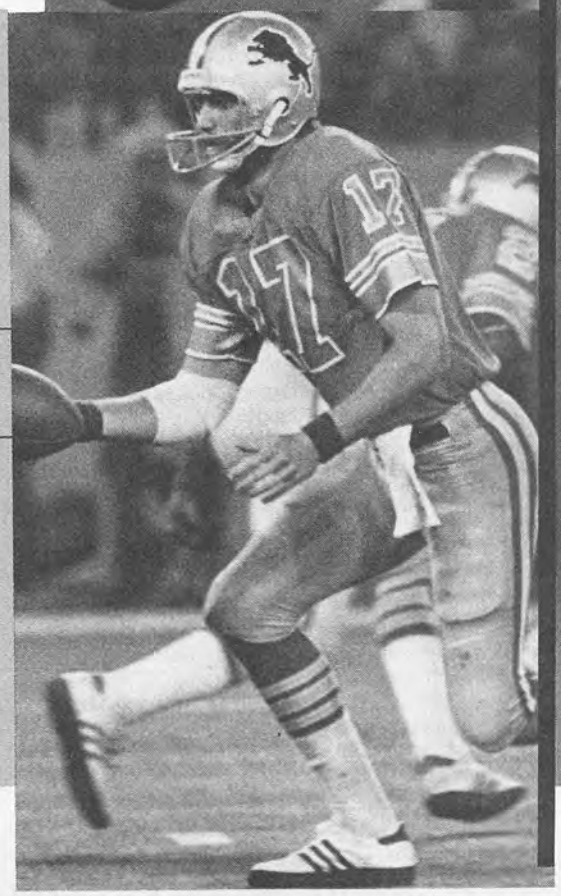
How Clark handles the Danielson-Hipple situation at quarterback could have far-reaching effects. When Danielson was injured in 1979, there was no doubt he was still No. 1 while Jeff Komlo filled in. Hipple did a little more than fill in. Clark will have to give him at least an even shot at keeping the No. 1 job during the preseason.

In his debut against the Bears on Monday night TV, Hipple looked like a genius, completing 14 of 25 passes for 336 yards and four touchdowns. Three of the TD passes came on consecutive throws. He went on to earn his teammates' vote as most valuable offensive player, a vote that Clark cannot ignore. Team confidence in a quarterback is not something that can be ordered by a coach.

Hipple's debut and winning encore against the Packers were doubly impressive because the Lions did it without Sims. Hipple sometimes looked like he didn't need him, as he rushed for seven touchdowns on the season, tops in the league for quarterbacks. Danielson is not so mobile. His injury last season was a broken left wrist, so he is not expected to experience any ill effects in coming back.

Sims had no trouble adjusting to a 14-game season. He broke his own team rushing record for a season by racking up 1,437 yards. He enjoyed seven 100-yard games, including a





Defensive end Al Baker (#60 opposite page), No. 1 draft pick Jimmy Williams (far left), running back Billy Sims (#20), quarterback Eric Hipple (left), and defensive tackle Doug English (right) of the Detroit Lions

1981 LEADERS AND NFC RANKINGS

SCORING—Murray, 121 points on 25 field goals and 46 PAT's...T1st
RUSHING—Sims, 296 carries for 1,437 yards, 4.9 avg., 13 TD's...3rd
PASSING—Hipple, 140 of 279 attempts for 2,358 yards, 14 TD's...9th
RECEIVING—Scott, 53 receptions for 1,022 yards, 19.3 avg., 5 TD's...18th
INTERCEPTIONS—Allen, 9 for 123 yards, 13.7 avg...5th
PUNTING—Skladany, 64 punts, 43.5 avg., longest 74 yards...1st
PUNT RETURNS—Martin, 52 for 450 yards, 8.7 avg., 1 TD...8th
KICKOFF RETURNS—Hall, 25 for 525 yards, 21.0 avg...11th

PRESEASON SCHEDULE

August	14	CLEVELAND (N)
	21	OAKLAND (N)
	28	At Cincinnati (N)
September	4	At Buffalo (N)

1982 SCHEDULE			1981 SCORES
September	12	CHICAGO	48-17
	19	At Los Angeles	13-20
	26	TAMPA BAY	17-20
October	3	BALTIMORE	—
	10	At Miami	—
	17	ATLANTA	—
	24	At Buffalo	—
November	1	At Minnesota (N)	24-26
	7	At Philadelphia	—
	14	GREEN BAY	31-27
	21	At Chicago	23-7
	25	NEW YORK GIANTS	—
December	6	NEW YORK JETS (N)	—
	12	At Green Bay	17-31
	19	MINNESOTA	45-7
	26	At Tampa Bay	10-28

career-high 185 against Denver. A threat to score on every play, Sims ran for 13 touchdowns and caught 28 passses for two more TD's. With Sims, the Lions always will be a dangerous offensive club. By winning twice without him, the rest of the offense gained even more confidence in itself. Sims has a capable back-up in Rick Kane. Horace King is a pass-catching specialist and Vince Thompson surprised everyone by making the club as a free agent and then averaging six yards a carry.

One of the keys to Sims's rapid and effective development has been the adaptation of Dexter Bussey to fullback. Bussey lost his halfback job the day Sims arrived, but has played his new position well enough to become the team's all-time leading rusher, something he can enjoy for a couple of years until Sims catches him.

At wide receiver, the Lions have experience and depth. Freddie Scott has averaged over 50 receptions a year since joining the club in 1978 and is coming off his finest season. He caught 53 balls for 1,022 yards and five touchdowns in 1981. Leonard Thompson kept the job opposite Scott and added 30 catches. He is expected to be challenged again by second-year men Mark Nichols and Tracy Porter. Both were hampered by injuries as rookies, but both have displayed big-play potential. At tight end, David Hill remains a reliable force. He caught 33 passes for four touchdowns last year and missed his first game in six seasons. Ulysses Norris is Hill's back-up.

Injuries on the offensive line that killed the 1980 Lions were nonexistent in 1981. Clark needs a similar lucky year in 1982 to make a title run. Center Amos Fowler, guards Homer Elias and Russ Bolinger, and tackles Keith Dorney and Karl Baldischwiler started every game as a unit. They were one of the reasons Detroit averaged 4.7 yards per rush, the best in football. The depth on the front is not so impressive, with Elias listed as the No. 1 reserve at both tackles, so health is imperative. Tommie Ginn and Tom Turnure both have experience at guard and center.

Despite the Lions' respectable offensive performance last season, coordinator Bob Schnelker left and was replaced by Ted Marchibroda, who hadn't been able to do much for the Bears' offense in '81. Some felt Schnelker's offense needed to be more diversified.

Clark made another change by naming Ed Khayat to replace Floyd Peters as defensive line coach. Peters built the Silver Rush and went to St. Louis to join old friend Jim Hanifan. He leaves the Silver Rush intact. Al Baker, William Gay, Doug English, and Dave Pureifory led the NFC in sacking quarterbacks last year besides helping the Lions lead the league in stopping the run.

English returned from a year's hiatus in which he established an oil business, and he enjoyed his finest season, getting ten sacks and starting in the Pro Bowl. Pureifory, a free agent in 1978, proved he is far from washed up when he led the team with 11 sacks. Baker's ten sacks and Gay's seven demonstrated an unusually balanced pass rush. Gay's 94 tackles led all linemen. Baker's performance came despite missing five games because of injury. Backing up the starters are second-year prospect Curtis Green and veterans Joe Ehrmann and Steve Furness.

The Lions start running into problems behind the line and they hope some rookies will help them improve. Starting linebackers Garry Cobb, Ken Fantetti, and Stan White, left to right, started all 16 games last year and played impressively. Nebraska's Jimmy Williams was drafted No. 1 because the Lions need more than three linebackers. Fantetti led the club in tackles with 148 and should be getting Pro Bowl recognition, according to Clark. Cobb had 127 tackles, three interceptions, and two fumble recoveries. He also contributed to special teams. White won the defensive MVP award for his astute signal-calling and reliable play in his tenth year.

Williams was a standup end who will have to make the adjustment to pro linebacker, but he is described as a great athlete with all the tools necessary to succeed. He will have to learn pass coverage, but he runs the 40 in under 4.6, so that's a good start. Steve Doig, a third-rounder, is a middle linebacker who is much better against the run than he is against the pass. Doig and Williams will enable Clark to use more situation defenses.

It was not a good draft for defensive backs, but the Lions selected three prospects in their first five picks in hopes of getting lucky. If either Bobby Watkins of Southwest Texas or Bruce McNorton of Georgetown can push Wayne Smith at cornerback, the Lions will be an improved team. James Hunter and Smith were spelled occasionally last season by rookies Hector Gray and Alvin Hall. Rookie safety William Graham of Texas will back up free safety Jimmy Allen or strong safety Ray Oldham. Allen led the club with nine interceptions.

The Lions enjoyed outstanding special teams play last season. After allowing four kicks to be returned for touchdowns in 1980, they shut out the opposition in '81, with reserve running back Ken Callicutt honored as special teams MVP. Place-kicker Eddie Murray and punter Tom Skladany give the Lions excellent kicking. Skladany led the league in net average and played in the Pro Bowl. Murray hit 25 of 35 field goals and all 46 extra point attempts. Both men benefit from the Silverdome climate. Two second-year men, Robbie Martin and Alvin Hall, have the inside track on punt and kickoff returns after successful rookie showings.

LIONS VETERAN ROSTER

no	name	pos	ht	wt	age	NFL exp	college
40	Allen, Jimmy	DB	6-2	194	30	9	UCLA
60	Baker, Al	DE	6-6	250	26	5	Colorado St.
76	Baldischwiler, Karl	T	6-5	265	26	5	Oklahoma
73	Bolinger, Russ	G	6-5	255	28	6	Long Beach St.
24	Bussey, Dexter	RB	6-1	210	30	9	Arlington
31	Callicut, Ken	RB	6-0	190	27	5	Clemson
53	Cobb, Garry	LB	6-2	220	25	4	USC
77	Culp, Curley	DT	6-1	265	36	14	Arizona St.
16	Danielson, Gary	QB	6-2	195	31	6	Purdue
72	Dieterich, Chris	T	6-3	269	24	3	NC St.
70	Dorney, Keith	T	6-5	265	25	4	Penn St.
74	Ehrmann, Joe	DT	6-3	250	32	10	Syracuse
61	Elias, Homer	G	6-3	255	27	5	Tennessee St.
78	English, Doug	DT	6-5	255	29	6	Texas
57	Fantetti, Ken	LB	6-2	230	25	4	Wyoming
65	Fowler, Amos	G	6-3	250	26	5	S. Mississippi
71	Furness, Steve	DT	6-4	248	32	11	Rhode Island
79	Gay, William	DE	6-3	250	27	5	USC
66	Ginn, Tommie	G	6-3	255	24	3	Arkansas
26	Gray, Hector	DB	6-1	197	25	2	Florida St.
	Greco, Don	G	6-2	256	32	1	W. Illinois
62	Green, Curtis	DE	6-3	256	25	2	Alabama St.
35	Hall, Alvin	DB	5-10	193	24	2	Miami (O.)
51	Harrell, James	LB	6-2	215	25	4	Florida
	Hartman, Dennis	RB	6-0	228	23	1	Syracuse
81	Hill, David	TE	6-2	230	28	7	Texas A&I
17	Hipple, Eric	QB	6-1	196	25	3	Utah State
28	Hunter, James	DB	6-2	195	28	7	Grambling
	Jackson, Willie	DB	5-10	194	25	1	Mississippi St.
	Jett, DeWayne	WR	6-2	194	24	1	Hawaii
32	Kane, Rick	RB	6-0	200	28	6	San Jose St.
25	King, Horace	RB	5-10	210	29	8	Georgia
19	Komlo, Jeff	QB	6-2	200	26	4	Delaware
64	Lee, Larry	OL	6-2	274	23	2	UCLA
83	Martin, Robbie	WR	5-8	179	24	2	Cal Poly SLO
3	Murray, Ed	K	5-9	164	26	3	Tulane
86	Nichols, Mark	WR	6-2	213	23	2	San Jose St.
80	Norris, Ulysses	TE	6-4	230	25	4	Georgia
23	Oldham, Ray	DB	5-11	192	31	10	Mid. Tennessee
	Olivieri, Gino	RB	6-0	205	23	1	Delaware
89	Porter, Tracy	WR	6-1	196	23	2	LSU
75	Pureifory, Dave	DE	6-1	255	33	11	E. Michigan
87	Scott, Fred	WR	6-2	175	30	9	Amherst
20	Sims, Billy	RB	6-0	212	27	3	Oklahoma
1	Skladany, Tom	P	6-0	195	27	4	Ohio St.
44	Smith, Wayne	DB	6-0	170	25	3	Purdue
50	Tautolo, Terry	LB	6-2	235	28	7	UCLA
84	Thompson, Jesse	WR	6-1	185	26	3	California
39	Thompson, Leonard	WR	5-11	190	30	8	Oklahoma St.
38	Thompson, Vince	RB	6-0	230	25	2	Villanova
54	Towle, Steve	LB	6-2	233	29	7	Kansas
55	Turnure, Tom	C	6-3	243	25	3	Washington
52	White, Stan	LB	6-1	223	33	11	Ohio State
30	Williams, Ray	RS	5-9	173	24	2	Washington St.

DRAFTEES

rd	name	pos	ht	wt	age	college
1	Williams, Jimmy	LB	6-3	221	22	Nebraska
2	Watkins, Bobby	DB	5-11	184	22	SW Texas
3	Doig, Steve	LB	6-3	240	22	New Hampshire
4	McNorton, Bruce	DB	5-11	172	22	Georgetown (KY)
5	Graham, William	S	5-11	188	22	Texas
6	Machurek, Mike	QB	6-0	202	22	Idaho St.
7	Bates, Phil	FB	6-1	230	22	Nebraska
7	Simmons, Victor	WR	6-1	198	22	Oregon St.
8	Moss, Martin	DT	6-4	250	23	UCLA
9	Wagoner, Dan	DB	5-10	175	22	Kansas
10	Barnes, Roosevelt	LB	6-2	215	22	Purdue
11	Lee, Edward	WR	6-0	185	22	S.C. St.
12	Porter, Rick	RB	5-10	190	22	Slippery Rock
12	Rubick, Rob	TE	6-3	225	22	Grand Valley

TAMPA BAY BUCCANEERS

No team demonstrates the unpredictable nature of the NFC Central Division better than the Tampa Bay Buccaneers. Pick them last and they will finish first. Pick them first and they are liable to finish last.

While the same thing could be said of any of the other four division teams, the Bucs put the words to practice. First in 1981, fourth in 1980, first in 1979, fifth in 1978. They even manage to bounce from the depths to the heights within a

1981 LEADERS AND NFC RANKINGS

SCORING—Capece, 75 points on 15 field goals and 30 PAT's . . . 17th
RUSHING—Eckwood, 172 carries for 651 yards, 3.8 avg., 2 TD's . . . 14th
PASSING—Williams, 238 of 471 attempts for 3,563 yards, 19 TD's . . 6th
RECEIVING—House, 56 receptions for 1,176 yards, 21.0 avg., 9 TD's . . . 14th
INTERCEPTIONS—Brown, 9 for 215 yards, 23.9 avg., 2 TD's . . . 3rd
PUNTING—Swider, 58 punts, 42.7 avg., longest 62 yards . . 3rd
PUNT RETURNS—T. Bell, 27 for 132 yards, 4.9 avg . . 15th
KICKOFF RETURNS—Owens, 24 for 473 yards, 19.7 avg. . 14th

PRESEASON SCHEDULE

August	14	PHILADELPHIA (N)
	21	WASHINGTON (N)
	28	At Houston (N)
September	4	ATLANTA (N)

1982 SCHEDULE			1981 SCORES
September	12	At Minnesota	10-25
	19	WASHINGTON	—
	26	At Detroit	20-17
October	4	SAN FRANCISCO (N)	—
	10	MINNESOTA	21-13
	17	At Green Bay	21-10
	24	At Chicago	17-28
	31	At Baltimore	—
November	7	GREEN BAY	37-3
	14	CHICAGO	20-10
	21	At Dallas	—
	29	MIAMI (N)	—
December	5	At New Orleans	31-14
	12	At New York Jets	—
	19	BUFFALO	—
	26	DETROIT	28-10

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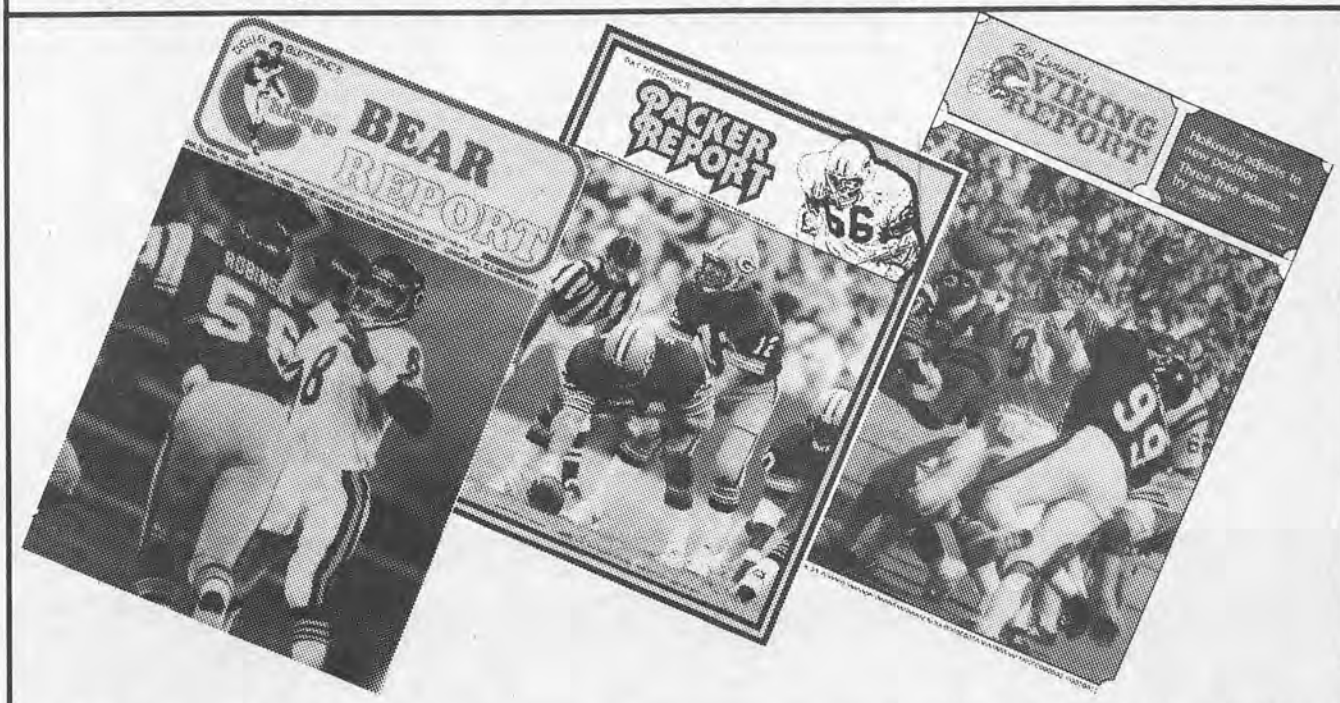

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season. Last year, after a 4-2 start, they lost four of their next five and were on the brink of disaster. They trailed Minnesota by two games with five to play. Quarterback Doug Williams broke down and cried in the locker room.

Instead of folding, however, Williams and teammates went on a 4-1 tear and won the division title with a convincing defeat of Detroit in the Lions' own Silverdome. Then they got blown out, 38-0, by Dallas in a first-round playoff game.

What goes here? Is this team good or bad? Obviously, it is both, not surprising considering its age. The only thing certain about the Bucs is that they are improving. They are doing it through the natural maturity of any expansion team. But they are also doing it through change.

Offseason trades of Ricky Bell, David Lewis, and Dewey Selmon to San Diego indicated there is no place for sentimentality. By the end of last season, the Bucs had 14 different starters out of 24 positions from the 1979 team. Five players remain on the roster from 1976.

Coach John McKay has helped himself considerably with retreads, trades, and draft choices in the past couple of years. He made another controversial deal at the last draft by dealing his 1983 No. 1 pick to Chicago for the Bears' 1982 second-round choice. With that, he grabbed Bethune-Cookman defensive end Booker Reese, described by some scouts as a gamble at best. The Bears were happy to make the deal, because the 1983 college crop is supposed to be loaded. But for the Bucs it was a kind of move that can cause the future to arrive early. Besides, they finished first last year and the Bears finished last.

"This league is so balanced that no team can go through the motions and win a division championship anymore," said McKay. "Winning the NFC Central is becoming more and more of an accomplishment each year because all the teams are improving. You'll lose ground if you stand pat."

McKay enters 1982 with optimism despite the shutout by Dallas in the playoffs.

"I was extremely proud of the way our team pulled together down the stretch, winning the games it had to," McKay said. "I felt that last year's team at the end of the season was playing the best football of any Buccaneer team yet. see no reason to panic over one football game (Dallas)."

Williams is the main reason McKay doesn't have to panic. He has steadily developed into one of the better quarterbacks in the league. His performance is why the Bucs won down the stretch. During the past two seasons, only Dan Fouts, Brian Sipe, and Tommy Kramer have moved the ball farther by running and passing than Williams. The 64 touchdown passes Williams has thrown during his career are more than any other active quarterback has thrown in his first four seasons. He has been criticized for having an erratic arm. Yet only Joe Montana has had a lower percentage of passes intercepted over the last two seasons.

Williams was at an all-time best in Tampa Bay's final four games last year, providing his teammates and himself with renewed confidence for 1982. The Bucs were 3-1 during the four-week stretch and Williams completed 60.7 percent of his passes for 1,048 yards and an especially impressive 9.8-yard gain per attempt. His passer rating for that four-game period was 100.5. Williams's durability and competitiveness keep back-ups Chuck Fusina and Mike Ford on the bench. McKay would be in trouble if Williams went down, but Doug's 49-game starting streak is second in the NFC to Philadelphia's Ron Jaworski.

Until last season, McKay criticized his running backs for everything from fumbles to poor blocking. Often, Williams seemed to be the team's most consistent and productive runner. The arrival of fullback James Wilder and the emergence of Jerry Eckwood and James Owens changed all that. Tailbacks Eckwood and Owens both revived floundering careers by rushing for 651 and 406 yards, respectively. They also caught 36 passes between them. Wilder caught 48 passes, added 370 rushing yards, and blocked.

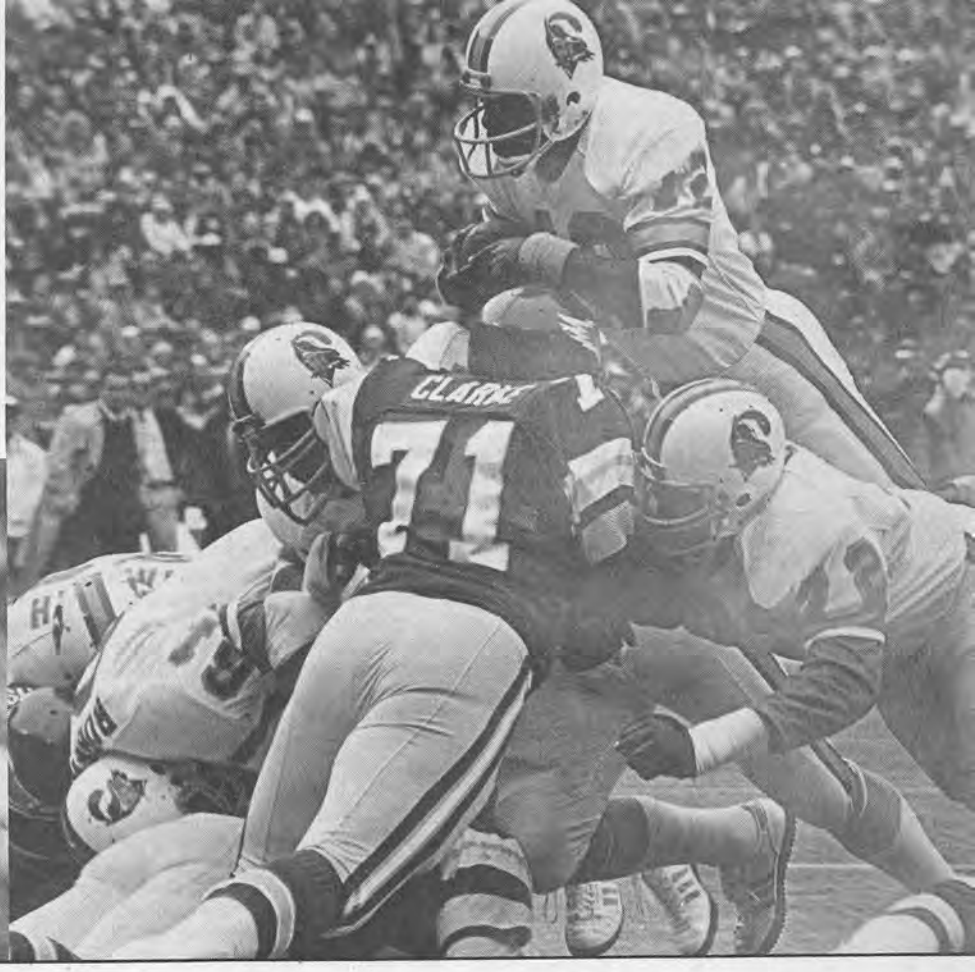
"There isn't any fullback as far along in his development as James at this stage of his career," said McKay.

Most impressive of all, the Buccaneer running backs lost only one fumble all season on a rushing play. They only fumbled three times in 402 carries. (Eckwood at one time had been benched for fumbling.)

Defensive end Lee Roy Selmon (right), linebacker Cecil Johnson, and quarterback Doug Williams of Tampa Bay.

"They ran hard, although we didn't always give them the holes. They blocked for each other, they caught the ball, and they held onto [it] as well as any group I've ever coached," said McKay, who hopes draftee David Barrett of Houston can provide depth.

At wide receiver, Kevin House enters his third season hoping to become a household word. Few players perform so well and receive such little recognition. House has caught 14 touchdown passes in his last 23 regular-season games. He was third in the NFC in receiving yards gained and second to Atlanta's Alfred Jenkins with nine touchdown catches. He set



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single-season team records and caught seven passes of 50 yards or longer. Five of them went for touchdowns, including an 84-yard bomb against the Lions in the important season finale.

Opposite House, former Steeler Theo Bell saw action late in the year in place of Gordon Jones. The two are expected to battle for playing time this year. Young Gerald Carter and rookie Andre Tyler also could be factors. Tyler was a promising athlete at Stanford until injuries slowed his career.

Jimmie Giles is a two-time Pro Bowl tight end who is coming off his best season. The 245-pounder caught 45 balls, six for touchdowns, including an 81-yarder. With his next touchdown catch, he will set a team record. Jim Obradovich is a capable and experienced back-up to Giles, and McKay added Arizona State rookie Jerry Bell as insurance.

Injuries hurt Tampa Bay's offensive line last year. The group must improve its run blocking. McKay selected Penn State's Sean Farrell to help solidify the unit. He was described as "awesome" during his senior season. If Farrell can step in at guard, 1980 No. 1 draft choice Ray Snell could move permanently to tackle, where injury hit the Bucs hard. Veteran left tackle Dave Reavis, the team's steadiest offensive lineman in 1980, hurt his knee in last year's opening preseason game. He played the final 12 games of the regular season, but never returned to form. Right tackle Charley Hannah pulled a hamstring in the preseason, forcing young guard Gene Sanders to switch to tackle. Snell alternated with George Yarno at left guard, but may be better suited to tackle. Greg Roberts was the starter at right guard in all but two games, when Jim Leonard played. The center spot is capably filled by Steve Wilson, an original Buc who had his best season despite a neck injury.

Pass blocking is one of the group's chief assets, thanks in large measure to the strength and mobility of Williams, who has an almost uncanny ability to get rid of the ball under pressure with a flick of his wrist. Over the last three seasons, the Bucs have allowed fewer sacks than any other team in the league.

Help for the defensive line was another priority and McKay hopes he finds it in Reese, an unpolished prospect. Reese is a gamble, the kind Detroit won a few years ago with Al Baker. The Bucs have been uncommonly successful with their second-round draft choices. Wilder, House, Roberts, Jones, Johnny Davis, Lewis, Jimmy DuBose, and Dewey Selmon all have been second-round draft selections. If Reese measures up, McKay will have a winner.

The Bucs have one of football's greatest athletes at right end in Lee Roy Selmon. Finding another bookend on the left side is something else. Ex-Bengal Bill Kollar, ex-Cowboy Dave Stalls, ex-Saint Joe Campbell, and ex-Bill Scott Hutchinson are all on the roster. Kollar got the bulk of the work last year, but a knee injury at the end of the season sidelined him.

Anchoring the nose-tackle spot has been a surprising 12th-round draft choice, David Logan. Logan made 115 tackles and his 5½ sacks were second to Selmon's 6½. Selmon experienced a tough season because of assorted leg injuries, but he caused four fumbles during the Bucs' stretch run. He is expected to rebound as strong as ever despite the psychological blow of playing without brother Dewey on his side for the first time in his life. Dewey was made expendable with the addition of super rookie Hugh Green at linebacker last year. McKay laments that Green isn't twins, but his arrival allowed Cecil Johnson to move from outside to inside and Dewey lost his job.

At right linebacker in the 3-4, Green had 151 tackles, 38 more than Lawrence Taylor of the New York Giants. He caused five fumbles, had three sacks, and two interceptions. He ranked second to Taylor only in publicity, according to close observers. Johnson set a club record with 174 tackles from his strong inside spot beside veteran Richard Wood, who has started 91 consecutive games. Andy Hawkins was so outstanding at left outside linebacker that the Bucs were able to deal former all-pro Lewis to San Diego. Scot Brantley plays in passing situations and Dana Nafziger is an experienced back-up and outstanding special-teams player.

Unheralded but not unappreciated among Buccaneer faithful is the secondary, simply and quietly one of football's best. Tampa Bay allowed only ten touchdown passes last year and only two—both less than ten yards—were completed to wide receivers. Only one touchdown play of over 20 yards was allowed.

Free safety Cedric Brown is one of the best in the game. He had nine interceptions and returned two for touchdowns. Seven of his thefts came in the final six games. Right cornerback Mike Washington had six interceptions and has not been beaten for a touchdown in two seasons. Neal Colzie, healthy again after his career slipped away in Oakland, replaced injured strong safety Mark Cotney and also had six steals. Norris Thomas forces the run well from the left corner spot. Second-year man John Holt appears to be quite capable as a back-up outside or inside. Billy Cesare and Aaron Mitchell help in nickel alignments and on special teams.

Place-kicker Bill Capece and punter Larry Swider both joined the club after four games last year and appear ready to give the Bucs their most reliable kicking ever, an essential ingredient in a tight division.

Guard Sean Farrell (top) in 1982 and linebacker Hugh Green in 1981 were selected No. 1 by the Bucs.

BUCCANEERS VETERAN ROSTER

no	name	pos	ht	wt	age	NFL exp	college
91	Alford, John	DL	6-2	260	24	1	S. Carolina St.
83	Bell, Theo	WR	5-11	180	29	6	Arizona
52	Brantley, Scot	LB	6-1	230	24	3	Florida
34	Brown, Cedric	S	6-2	205	28	6	Kent St.
79	Campbell, Joe	DE	6-6	250	27	6	Maryland
3	Capece, Bill	PK	5-7	170	23	2	Florida St.
8	Carlon, Curt	P	5-11	190	23	1	West Virginia
87	Carter, Gerald	WR	6-1	185	25	3	Texas A&M
44	Cesare, Billy	S	5-11	190	27	4	Miami
93	Clark, David	DL	6-3	250	24	1	Nebraska
20	Colzie, Neal	S	6-2	200	29	8	Ohio St.
33	Cotney, Mark	S	6-0	205	30	7	Cameron St.
71	Crowder, Randy	NT	6-3	250	30	6	Penn St.
27	Davis, Tony	RB	5-11	210	29	7	Nebraska
43	Eckwood, Jerry	RB	6-0	200	28	7	Arkansas
10	Ford, Mike	QB	6-3	220	23	2	Oklahoma
14	Fusina, Chuck	QB	6-1	195	25	4	Penn St
60	Gettel, Steve	G	6-1	260	23	1	South Carolina
88	Giles, Jimmie	TE	6-3	245	28	6	Alcorn St
53	Green, Hugh	LB	6-2	225	23	2	Pittsburgh
73	Hannah, Charley	OT	6-6	265	27	6	Alabama
59	Hawkins, Andy	LB	6-2	230	24	3	Texas A&I
21	Holt, John	CB	5-11	180	23	2	W. Texas St.
89	House, Kevin	WR	6-1	175	25	3	S. Illinois
70	Hutchinson, Scott	DE	6-3	245	26	5	Florida
92	Jarrell, Arlie	DL	6-3	270	24	R	Austin Peay
56	Johnson, Cecil	LB	6-2	235	27	6	Pittsburgh
28	Johnson, Lonnie	RB	6-1	210	23	1	Indiana
84	Jones, Gordon	WR	6-0	190	25	4	Pittsburgh
77	Kollar, Bill	DE	6-4	250	30	9	Montana
23	Larry, A D	DB	5-11	185	24	1	Nevada-LV
62	Leonard, Jim	C-G	6-3	250	25	3	Santa Clara
76	Logan, David	NT	6-2	250	26	4	Pittsburgh
67	McCune, Ken	DE	6-6	250	23	1	Texas
55	Melontree, Andrew	LB	6-3	225	25	2	Baylor
45	Mitchell, Aaron	S	6-1	195	26	4	Nevada-LV
51	Nafziger, Dana	LB	6-1	225	29	5	Cal Poly-SLO
86	Obradovich, Jim	TE	6-2	230	29	8	Southern Cal
26	Owens, James	RB	5-11	190	27	4	UCLA
78	Petrzelka, Matt	T	6-6	275	24	1	Iowa
75	Reavis, Dave	T	6-5	265	32	8	Arkansas
61	Roberts, Greg	G	6-3	260	26	4	Oklahoma
80	Samuels, Tony	TE	6-4	235	28	5	Beth-Cookman
74	Sanders, Gene	T	6-3	270	26	4	Texas A&M
63	Selmon, Lee Roy	DE	6-3	250	28	7	Oklahoma
85	Sherrod, Mike	TE	6-6	240	24	1	Illinois
64	Short, Laval	NT	6-3	250	24	3	Colorado
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72	Snell, Ray	G	6-3	260	24	3	Wisconsin
65	Stalls, Dave	DE	6-4	250	27	6	Colorado
25	Stone, Jim	RB	6-1	205	24	1	Notre Dame
9	Swider Larry	P	6-2	195	27	4	Pittsburgh
41	Thomas, Norris	CB	5-11	185	28	6	Mississippi
39	Washington, Don	DB	6-0	180	24	1	Texas A&I
40	Washington, Mike	CB	6-2	200	29	7	Alabama
90	White, Brad	NT	6-2	250	24	2	Tennessee
32	Wilder, James	RB	6-2	220	24	2	Missouri
12	Williams, Doug	QB	6-4	215	27	5	Grambling
50	Wilson, Steve	C	6-3	265	28	7	Georgia
54	Wood, Richard	LB	6-2	230	29	8	Southern Cal
68	Yarno, George	G	6-2	255	25	4	Wash St

DRAFTEES

rd	name	pos	ht	wt	age	college
1	Farrell, Sean	OG	6-2	255	22	Penn St.
2	Reese, Booker	DE	6-6	250	22	Beth-Cookman
3	Bell, Jerry	TE	6-5	230	22	Arizona St.
3	Cannon, John	DE	6-4	255	21	Wm & Mary
4	Barrett, David	RB	6-0	215	22	Houston
5	Davis, Jeff	LB	6-0	220	22	Clemson
6	Tyler, Andre	WR	6-1	175	22	Stanford
7	Morris, Thomas	DB	5-10	175	21	Michigan St
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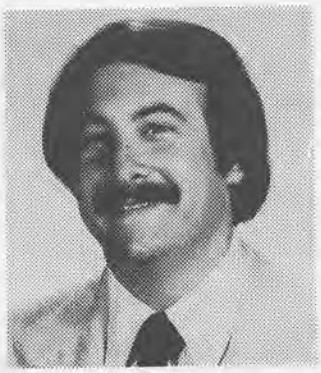

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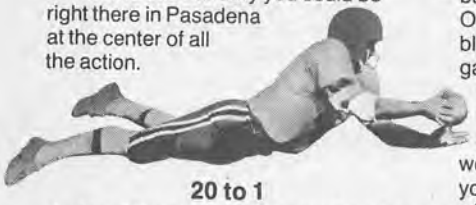

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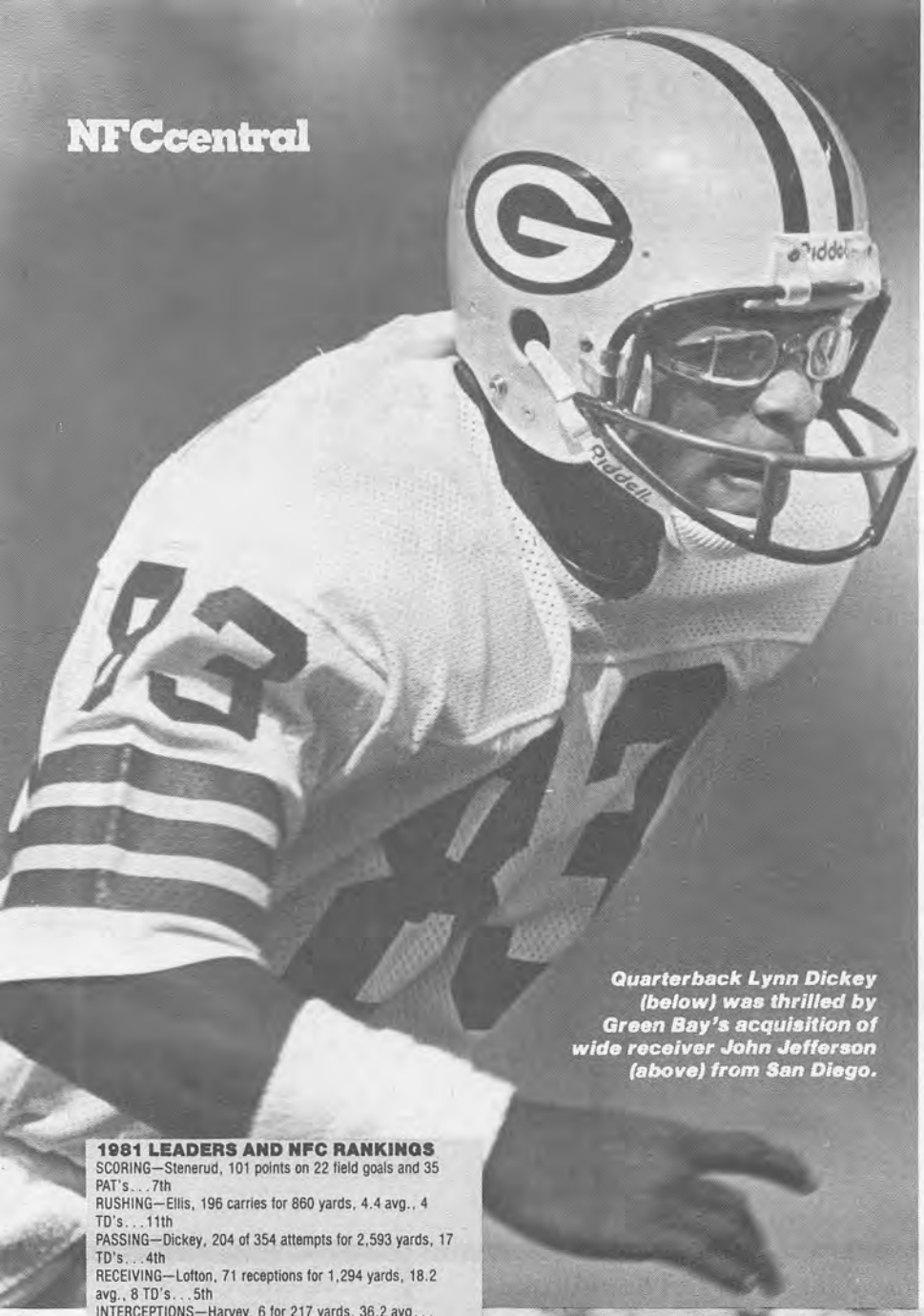

Quarterback Lynn Dickey (below) was thrilled by Green Bay's acquisition of wide receiver John Jefferson (above) from San Diego.

GREEN BAY PACKERS

Having developed consistency in their head coaching, the Green Bay Packers are still seeking consistency everywhere else. Consistency is one of coach Bart Starr's favorite words.

The Packers were 2-6 to start last season and 6-2 to finish it, putting themselves into the middle of NFC Central Division mediocrity. Two victories instead of two losses to Tampa Bay would have propelled them into the playoffs. Two losses instead of two victories against Chicago would have put them in the cellar.

"Consistency was one of the real keys in our second half surge last year," said Starr. "The reverse was very prominent in the first half ineffectiveness. So we're going right back to that word—consistency."

Starr has been able to sell his bosses on the idea of consistency when it comes to his own job; now he must sell his players. With yet another contract extension, Starr should be able to hammer home his point: his players are going to have to achieve consistency or bust under him. The threat, the hope, the fear, the speculation, the distraction over the future of Bart Starr should be a dead issue among Green Bay players and fans. This team is going to sink or swim with Starr in charge. At the very least, his security is a boring issue.

During his seven years at the helm, Starr's teams have mostly sunk (39-65-2). They have had one winning season (8-7-1 in 1978). Only four coaches in the league have been with their present teams longer than Starr: Tom Landry, Bud Grant, Chuck Noll, and Don Shula. All four have more than 100 career victories. Only two coaches in the league have worse records during their NFL years. One is Jim Hanifan, who has been at St. Louis two years. The other is John McKay, at Tampa Bay six years.

Never before has a coach had a poorer record than Starr's after seven years and been given more time. So the players better get used to it. And the fans. Judge Robert Parins, the team's chief executive officer, is used to it.

"The coaches seem to have gained respect of the players. There appears to be no lack of discipline and we can perceive no morale problem on either the team or staff," Parins said.

Starr has shaken up his staff and no doubt plans to shake up his team a bit so everybody

1981 LEADERS AND NFC RANKINGS

SCORING—Stenerud, 101 points on 22 field goals and 35 PAT's...7th
RUSHING—Ellis, 196 carries for 860 yards, 4.4 avg., 4 TD's...11th
PASSING—Dickey, 204 of 354 attempts for 2,593 yards, 17 TD's...4th
RECEIVING—Lofton, 71 receptions for 1,294 yards, 18.2 avg., 8 TD's...5th
INTERCEPTIONS—Harvey, 6 for 217 yards, 36.2 avg...11th
PUNTING—Stachowicz, 82 punts, 40.6 avg., longest 72 yards...11th
PUNT RETURNS—Lee, 20 for 187 yards, 9.4 avg., 1 TD...6th
KICKOFF RETURNS—Lee, 14 for 270 yards, 19.3 avg...no ranking

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August	14	NEW YORK JETS (N)
	21	CINCINNATI (at Milwaukee, N)
	28	At Oakland (N)
September	4	At New England

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September	12	LOS ANGELES (Milwaukee)	23-35
	20	At New York Giants (N)	27-14
	26	MIAMI	—
October	3	PHILADELPHIA (Milwaukee)	—
	10	At Chicago	16-9
	17	TAMPA BAY	10-21
	24	At Minnesota	35-23
	31	CHICAGO	21-17
November	7	At Tampa Bay	3-37
	14	At Detroit	27-31
	21	MINNESOTA (Milwaukee)	13-30
	28	At New York Jets	3-28
December	5	BUFFALO (Milwaukee)	—
	12	DETROIT	31-17
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gets the message. After the offense slipped from 14th overall in 1980 to 23d last season, Starr replaced old pal Zeke Bratkowski with former Detroit offensive coordinator Bob Schnelker. The rival Bears claim they used to be able to steal Bratkowski's sideline hand signals to his quarterback.

With two of the league's finest receivers in James Lofton and John Jefferson and one of the league's smartest veteran quarterbacks in Lynn Dickey, the Packers simply must maintain a better offense than they did a year ago. In an effort to improve it, Starr drafted for line and backfield help. Injuries have slowed the progress in both areas to the point that consistency will have to come from new faces.

PACKERS VETERAN ROSTER

no	name	pos	ht	wt	age	NFL exp	college
60	Allerman, Kurt	LB	6-2	222	27	6	Penn St.
59	Anderson, John	LB	6-3	221	26	5	Michigan
61	Ane, Charlie	C	6-1	237	30	8	Michigan St.
62	Aydelette, Buddy	T	6-4	250	26	2	Alabama
73	Braggs, Byron	DT	6-4	290	23	2	Alabama
77	Butler, Mike	DE	6-5	265	28	6	Kansas
19	Campbell, Rich	QB	6-4	224	24	2	Cal-Berkeley
88	Cassidy, Ron	WR	6-0	185	25	4	Utah St.
82	Coffman, Paul	TE	6-3	218	26	5	Kansas St.
52	Cumby, George	LB	6-0	215	26	3	Oklahoma
	Davidson, James	LB	6-4	247	25	1	Kansas St.
12	Dickey, Lynn	QB	6-4	210	33	12	Kansas St.
53	Douglass, Mike	LB	6-0	224	27	5	San Diego
31	Ellis, Gerry	FB	5-11	216	25	3	Missouri
98	Godfrey, Chris	G	6-3	250	24	2	Michigan
57	Gofourth, Derrel	G	6-3	260	27	6	Oklahoma St.
24	Gray, Johnnie	FS	5-11	185	29	7	Fullerton
11	Hall, Nickie	QB	6-4	205	23	1	Tulane
69	Harris, Leotis	G	6-1	267	27	5	Arkansas
23	Harvey, Maurice	S	5-10	190	26	4	Ball State
38	Hood, Estus	DB	5-11	180	27	5	Illinois St.
25	Huckeby, Harlan	RB	6-1	199	25	3	Michigan
74	Huffman, Tim	T	6-5	277	23	2	Notre Dame
40	Ivery, Eddie Lee	HB	6-½	210	25	3	Georgia Tech
83	Jefferson, John	WR	6-1	198	26	5	Arizona St.
33	Jensen, Jim	RB	6-3	235	29	6	Iowa
90	Johnson, Ezra	DE	6-4	240	27	6	Morris Brown
21	Jolly, Mike	S	6-3	185	24	2	Michigan
63	Jones, Terry	DT	6-2	259	26	5	Alabama
64	Kitson, Syd	G	6-4	252	24	3	Wake Forest
68	Koch, Greg	T	6-4	265	27	6	Arkansas
79	Koncar, Mark	T	6-5	268	29	6	Colorado
22	Lee, Mark	DB	5-11	187	24	3	Washington
56	Lewis, Cliff	LBB	6-1	226	23	2	So. Mississippi
81	Lewis, Gary	TE	6-5	234	24	2	Arlington
	Livers, Virgil	CB	5-8	180	30	5	E. Kentucky
80	Lofton, James	WR	6-3	187	26	5	Stanford
54	McCarren, Lafry	C	6-3	248	31	10	Illinois
29	McCoy, Mike	DB	5-11	183	29	7	Colorado
78	Merrill, Casey	DE	6-4	255	25	4	Cal-Davis
34	Middleton, Terdell	HB	6-0	195	27	6	Memphis St.
37	Murphy, Mark	FS	6-2	199	24	2	West Liberty
84	Nixon, Fred	WR	5-11	191	24	3	Oklahoma
72	Oates, Brad	T	6-6	275	29	5	Brigham Young
	Pfohl, Lawrence	G	6-3	270	24	R	Miami
51	Prather, Guy	LB	6-2	230	24	2	Grambling
32	Reaves, Willard	RB	5-11	198	23	1	No. Arizona
58	Rudzinski, Paul	LB	6-1	220	26	4	Michigan St.
55	Scott, Randy	LB	6-1	220	23	2	Alabama
16	Stachowicz, Ray	P	5-11	185	23	2	Michigan St.
10	Stenerud, Jan	K	6-2	190	39	16	Montana St.
67	Swanke, Karl	T/C	6-6	251	25	3	Boston College
71	Thompson, Arland	G	6-4	265	25	2	Baylor
87	Thompson, John	TE	6-3	228	25	3	Utah St.
26	Torkelson, Eric	HB	6-2	210	30	9	Connecticut
75	Turner, Richard	DT	6-2	260	23	2	Oklahoma
30	Whitaker, Bill	DB	6-0	182	23	2	Missouri
17	Whitehurst, David	QB	6-2	204	27	6	Furman
50	Wingo, Rich	LB	6-1	230	26	3	Alabama

DRAFTEES

rd	name	pos	ht	wt	age	college
1	Hallstrom, Ron	G	6-6	286	22	Iowa
3	Rodgers, Del	RB	5-10	197	21	Utah
4	Brown, Robert	LB	6-2	238	21	VPI
5	Meade, Mike	FB	5-11	228	22	Penn State
6	Parlavecchio, Chet	LB	6-2	225	22	Penn State
7	Whitley, Joe	DB	5-11	177	24	Tex-El Paso
8	Boyd, Thomas	LB	6-2	210	22	Alabama
9	Riggins, Charles	DE	6-3	245	22	Beth-Cookman
10	Garcia, Eddie	K	5-8	188	22	SMU
11	Macaulay, John	C	6-3	254	23	Stanford
12	Epps, Phillip	WR	5-10	165	23	TCU

Consistency at quarterback is something Starr has received from the 31-year-old Dickey for the past two years. After proving in 1980 that he had physically recovered from horrendous leg and hip injuries, Dickey had his finest statistical year in 1981. He finished tenth among league passers. His 17 touchdown passes were a career high. He threw only 15 interceptions, marking his first complete season of throwing more TD's than interceptions.

While it would appear, therefore, that Dickey's job is as secure as Starr's, former quarterback Bart is not so quick to agree. Dickey remains injury prone. He missed three games last season with a back injury. The Packers spent a No. 1 draft choice last year on a quarterback, California's Rich Campbell. And there are still people around Green Bay who think David Whitehurst should get another shot at the No. 1 job.

Campbell will get a chance to play in the preseason. He played only once—against Tampa Bay—and threw four interceptions. But his credentials are too good to ignore for long. Veteran Whitehurst subbed for the injured Dickey and had much to do with the Packers' second-half surge last season. He led them to consecutive victories against Seattle, the Giants, and the Bears.

Any quarterback has an advantage when he can look to the left and see James Lofton, look to the right and see John Jefferson. It is difficult to think of a better tandem. In fact, Lofton himself has the confidence to list himself as the best receiver in the league and Jefferson as No. 2. Fred Nixon and Ron Cassidy are experienced back-ups.

Former coach and popular TV announcer John Madden names Lofton and Jefferson the starters on his dream team. Lofton finished second in the league to Atlanta's Alfred Jenkins in receiving yardage last season. His 71 catches matched his 1980 total, providing Starr with a shining example of consistency. Jefferson didn't join the club until the fourth game of the year, but he provided instant help with his infectious personality as much as with his talent.

"He was a big emotional boost," said linebacker Mike Douglass. "This team was more or less conservative as far as holding in its emotions. From his first introduction, he gave us excitement. He gave it to the fans and players and it was contagious."

"I expect J.J. to make a bigger contribution because he will begin this year in excellent football condition, from the time he reports. A year ago, though he caught seven passes in his first game, it was some time before he was truly in John Jefferson-type condition," said Starr.

If the Packers don't have the best wide receiver tandem, they have to have the best wide receiver-tight end trio. Paul Coffman averages 51 catches a year when he is not blocking or hustling to beat you anyway he can. His back-up, second-year man Gary Lewis, is a talented athlete who can be used in a variety of formations. But Schnelker is going to have to figure out innovative ways to get him into a game. Coffman is simply too good to bench.

"You can't have enough players on your team like Paul Coffman," said Starr.

Running back is an area of prime concern again because of the shaky health of Eddie Lee Ivery. Fullback Gerry Ellis has proven to be a reliable and effective all-purpose back, a surprise to everyone who allowed him to become a free agent two years ago. He rushed for 860 yards and caught passes for 499 yards last year to lead the club in total offense. No Packer back had caught 65 passes before, and Ellis's seven touchdowns were second on the team to Lofton's eight.

The problem is finding a complementary back for Ellis. The main reason the Packers were 23rd in total offense last year is that they were 26th in rushing offense. Ivery is a topnotch back, but he will be coming off his second surgery on the same knee that ended his 1979 rookie season in the first game. In 1980, Ivery started 16 games and gained 831 yards, but in his two other seasons he couldn't get through the opener. The Packers are optimistic about his recovery, but just in case, they made Utah's Del Rodgers their third-round draft choice. Rodgers is quick and has good hands. The Pack hopes he is their answer to Minnesota's Darrin Nelson. If neither Ivery nor Rodgers can help out Ellis on a regular basis, Starr must look to Harlan Huckleby, who started 12 games last year and ran for five touchdowns. A long shot to provide some help is a fast free agent named Willard Reaves, who spent 1981 on injured reserve.

Leotis Harris (left) leads the way for Packer running back Gerry Ellis.

Injuries to the offensive line dictate change. The Packers made Iowa's huge Ron Hallstrom their No. 1 draft choice. They expect him to start at guard, where the current regulars are Derrel Gofourth and Leotis Harris. Gofourth has played despite a variety of injuries and is now coming off knee surgery. Harris has been inconsistent. Hallstrom was a bit of a surprise selection, because he is relatively slow for a guard. But at 6-6, 300 pounds, he could be the biggest guard ever to play. His agility and quickness impressed Packer scouts, and if he is a tad slow in the 40-yard dash, the Packers point out that he rarely will be asked to run more than 20 yards in a game.

Center Larry McCarren is a solid leader and performer who finally made the All-NFC team last season. Right tackle Greg Koch also is solid and consistent. Left tackle Mark Koncar has been plagued by injury and could be replaced if someone emerges from the rest of the Pack. If Karl Swanke recovers from knee surgery, he could be the new left tackle. Also returning on the line are Tim Stokes, Brad Oates, Tim Huffman, Buddy Aydelette, Syd Kitson, and Arland Thompson. A newcomer with starting potential

is 270-pound Larry Pfohl, who has impressed coaches since signing from the Canadian League.

If the Packers could have pried defensive tackle Bruce Clark from the CFL, their defensive outlook would have been brighter; it finished ninth in the league last year. Left end Mike Butler led the team in sacks in the 3-4 defense and is finally getting the most out of his talents, according to Starr. In the middle, Terry Jones improved from a borderline player to a respectable starter, but second-year man Rich Turner is pushing. Casey Merrill and Ezra Johnson shared the right-end job. Starr would love to combine Merrill's determination with Johnson's talent. Byron Braggs is a second-year back-up.

At linebacker, the Packers are more consistent and dependable than anywhere else this side of wide receiver. After injuries forced Starr to play 13 linebackers in 1980, he got through last season playing only starters Mike Douglass, John Anderson, Rich Wingo, and George Cumby. Douglass is as good as any outside linebacker in the league, although he gets almost all his recognition from coaches and players and practically none from the media. His 146 tackles, 7 forced fumbles, and 9½ sacks are all-pro stats. Wingo and Cumby make up for a lack of size with quickness and aggressiveness inside. Each reached the 100-tackle mark. Anderson is steady and heady.

In the secondary, the Packers lost safeties Mike Jolly and Johnnie Gray for all but nine games, but nearly doubled their total interceptions to 20. Cornerback Mark Lee established himself with six thefts and newcomer Maurice Harvey matched him at free safety. Cornerback Mike McCoy was reliable and strong safety Mark Murphy replaced Gray and came up with three interceptions. Estus Hood is the team's "nickel" back and reserve cornerback.

Ageless Jan Stenerud set an NFL percentage record by making 22 of 24 field goals, including four of five over 40 yards. Starr expects improvement from punter Ray Stachowicz, a second-year high draft pick. Place-kicker Eddie Garcia was a late-round 1982 draft choice. Mark Lee and Fred Nixon provide reliable kickoff and punt returns. They could be challenged by ex-Raider Ira Matthews. The Packers covered kickoffs better than anyone last year. They hope to get more chances this year.

CHICAGO BEARS

Since NFL founder George Halas stepped down as the Chicago Bears' head coach in 1968 at age 73, the Bears have tried all kinds of things to regain the consistent respectability they once enjoyed under him.

First, Halas hired a bright, young assistant, Jim Dooley. Then he hired a gruff, tough assistant, Abe Gibron. Then he hired Jim Finks as general manager to perform the same wonders he performed in Minnesota. Finks hired Jack Pardee to coach, then Neill Armstrong. The team reached the playoffs as a wild-card entry twice since 1977, only to slip back to losing ways the following year.

At age 86, Halas decided he had seen enough. Before turning 87 in February, he took control of his team from Finks and, in order, rehired defensive coordinator Buddy Ryan, asked the Dallas Cowboys for permission to talk to assistant coach Mike Ditka, fired Armstrong, and finally hired Ditka. Although the sequence was unconventional, and admittedly cruel to the gentlemanly Armstrong, Halas's message was clear: he wanted a return to the old days.

Ditka got the job after writing a letter during the season to Halas outlining his qualifications. Ditka was once one of Halas's favorite players; the admiration lingered even after Ditka accused Halas of throwing around nickels like manhole covers before getting traded to Philadelphia in 1967.

Ditka says what he means and Halas likes that. Soon after getting the job, Ditka started talking Bear pride, Bear tradition. Halas, naturally, approves of that. Players don't seem to mind either. They sense that such intangibles may have been missing and may indeed be important, especially for a franchise with such a glorious past. More important, however, it doesn't matter what the players think. What Ditka says goes. The players are afraid of him. They admit that discipline waned under Armstrong. They almost welcome the stringent conditioning program Ditka has established.

"I've seen them play weighing 290. I want to see them play at 260," said Ditka.

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Quarterback Vince Evans (#8) and Walter Payton; Jim McMahon (right) was Bears' top draftee this year.

everything except a quarterback. Ditka and Halas tried to take care of that, too, by drafting Brigham Young's Jim McMahon, the most prolific passer in college history.

Finks never had drafted a quarterback in the first round, not at Minnesota or Chicago. He preferred trading for established quarterbacks. It worked in Minnesota with Fran Tarkenton; it failed in Chicago with Mike Phipps. Finks drafted quarterbacks Bob Avellini and Vince Evans in sixth rounds in Chicago and it was beginning to look like neither man was the answer. Finks had no quarrel whatsoever with selecting McMahon.

McMahon is not very tall at six feet, plays with a Joe Namath-type knee brace, and has a damaged eye from a childhood accident. But nearly every talent scout and coach in the country agreed he is ready to help a club instantly. His sophisticated background at BYU has equipped him to handle almost every type of passing offense.

Indeed, Ditka commented while trying to incorporate the multiple offenses of the Cowboys into the Bears' playbook: "McMahon can probably teach us something about them."

Although history tells us that rookie quarterbacks have difficult baptisms in the NFL, Ditka has promised McMahon a chance to beat out Evans during the preseason. This is a far cry from saying Evans is the unquestioned incumbent and McMahon is the future prospect.

The new system is an advantage for McMahon not only because of his own background, but because Evans is laboring under his fourth offensive coordinator in six years as a pro. The two players start out almost even. In fact, in McMahon's college career alone, he threw only 25 fewer passes than Evans has thrown in his college and pro career. Avellini also will get a shot at the job, Ditka says, and the Bears have second-year prospect Tim Clifford on their roster. But close observers expect McMahon to be playing plenty.

Whoever plays quarterback will have the distinct advantage of having wide receiver James Scott back from Canada. Evans blames his poor season last year on Scott's absence, which robbed him of his only reliable deep threat. Armstrong wasn't too excited about coaching without him, either. Scott, unsung in the NFL except among his peers, merely led the Eastern Division of the CFL in receiving despite playing on the sorry Montreal Alouettes.

He is complemented by two sure-handed receivers in Brian Baschnagel and Ken Margerum and by an unpredictable speedster, Rickey Watts. Second-year man Margerum led the club in receiving yardage by 30 over Baschnagel, but the former Stanford All-America caught only one touchdown pass. He complained, as all confident receivers do. Watts is a talent, but unreliable. He tested Ditka early by walking out of a weekend mini-camp. He came back on Ditka's terms.

Bear fans have screamed for years that their team has not had a good tight end since Ditka packed his bags. Ditka promises to remedy the situation, although he has so far refused to suit up. Over the raised eyebrows of scouts everywhere, he drafted UCLA's Tim Wrightman in the third round. Wrightman is called simply too slow even though he can block and catch. Nevertheless, Ditka insisted he saw "something in his eyes" that he liked. Nobody in Chicago is second-guessing Ditka's judgment on tight ends yet. Ditka made last year's tight end starter, Robin Earl, lose nearly 30 pounds. Earl is a good blocker and decent receiver. Brooks Williams, Emery Moorehead, Mike Cobb, and Bob Fisher also are in the picture.

The Bears have long been known as that team with Walter Payton. They still are. Payton enters his eighth season still on target in pursuit of Jim Brown's rushing record. Although coming off his toughest season physically, Payton insists he has not lost a step at age 28. Ditka saw him pound the Cowboys last Thanksgiving and agrees there is still a big future for one of the game's all-time greats.

Getting help for Payton is an annual project. Ditka predicts a good year from third-year fullback Matt Suhey, who has yet to fulfill his potential. Roland Harper, Willie McClendon, and Dave Williams are little-used candidates who could have bigger roles under Ditka.

Immediate help is expected from rookie Dennis Gentry of Baylor. The fourth-round choice is small, but no smaller than last year's rookies Joe Delaney and James Brooks, or this year's No. 1 back, Darrin Nelson. Gentry is also an

1981 LEADERS AND NFC RANKINGS

SCORING—Roweto, 49 points on 10 field goals and 19 PAT's...24th
RUSHING—Payton, 339 carries for 1,222 yards, 3.6 avg., 6 TD's...7th
PASSING—Evans, 195 of 436 attempts for 2,354 yards, 11 TD's...15th
RECEIVING—Payton, 41 receptions for 379 yards, 9.2 avg., 2 TD's...32nd
INTERCEPTIONS—Fencik, 6 for 121 yards, 20.2 avg., 1 TD...13th
PUNTING—Parsons, 114 punts, 39.7 avg., longest 55 yards...14th
PUNT RETURNS—Fisher, 43 for 509 yards, 11.8 avg., 1 TD...2nd
KICKOFF RETURNS—Williams, 23 for 486 yards, 21.1 avg...10th

PRESEASON SCHEDULE

August	16	At San Diego (N)
	21	At Buffalo (N)
	28	ST. LOUIS (N)
September	4	BALTIMORE (N)

1982 SCHEDULE			1981 SCORES
September	12	At Detroit	17-48
	19	NEW ORLEANS	—
	26	At San Francisco	17-28
October	3	MINNESOTA	10-9
	10	GREEN BAY	9-16
	17	At St. Louis	—
	24	TAMPA BAY	28-17
	31	At Green Bay	17-21
November	7	ATLANTA	—
	14	At Tampa Bay	10-20
	21	DETROIT	7-23
	28	At Minnesota	21-24
December	5	NEW ENGLAND	—
	12	At Seattle	—
	19	ST. LOUIS	—
	26	At Los Angeles	7-24

accomplished blocker, having led the way for Baylor teammate Walter Abercrombie, and his speed and pass catching talent will allow the coach several options.

Ditka could have serious problems on his offensive line. He has three No. 1 draft choices employed there—Keith Van Horne, Dennis Lick, and Ted Albrecht—but all are coming off worrisome injuries. Van Horne, last year's No. 1, broke his foot playing basketball and called it a Bill Walton-type injury that is not easy to overcome. Lick underwent knee reconstruction early last season. He is progressing on schedule and has been moved from right to left tackle, where Ditka thinks he can handle the big pass rushers in the division: Tampa Bay's Lee Roy Selmon and Detroit's Bubba Baker. Albrecht has a ruptured disc in his back. The regular left tackle will move to guard if he is healthy. There is a spot open on the right side, where Emanuel Zanders retired after beating out veteran Revie Sorey.

Left guard Noah Jackson is one of Ditka's weight-control projects, but Ditka admits that Jackson is one of the league's most underrated guards. The Cowboys put him on their all-opponent team after watching him handle Randy White. Center Dan Neal is a steady, reliable leader. Tackle Dan Jiggetts, center Jay Hilgenberg, and three rookies are back-ups.

Halas wasted no time rehiring Ryan because he liked his defense. Although it ranked 19th in the league overall, it is much better than the perennially poor offense. Ryan's multiple formations enabled the Bears to finish first in third-down defense, an important statistic in this passing era.

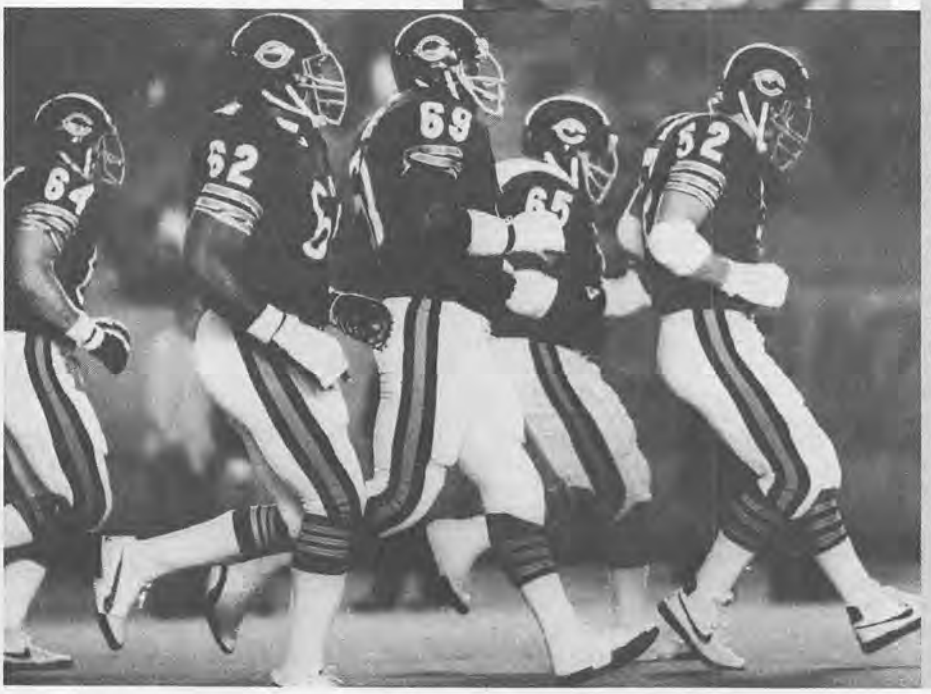
The retirement of all-time great tackle Alan Page will rob the Bears of a big-play specialist and team leader, but it is unlikely to weaken the starting front four. Former all-pro end Dan Hampton will move to Page's spot, where his size and strength should make him more effective against the run than Page was. Al Harris, potentially the team's best pass rusher, will move in full-time at right end and former right end Mike Hartenstine will move to the left side. The other tackle is steady veteran Jim Osborne. There is not much proven depth on the line. John Lee, Steve McMichael, and Ted Vincent are candidates.

Harris is mobile enough to move to linebacker if the Bears go to a 3-4 defense. The linebacking is somewhat unsettled, with former No. 1 draftee Otis Wilson battling veteran Brian Cabral for the job on the left side and ex-Patriot Rod Shoate challenging incumbent Gary Campbell on the right side. The middle is in the solid hands of second-year man Mike Singletary.

The Bears have two of the hardest-hitting safeties in the league in all-pro strong safety Gary Fencik and free safety Doug Plank. They are capably backed by talented second-year man Todd Bell. Cornerback is another story, with starters Reuben Henderson and Terry Schmidt the only proven performers. There are high hopes for second-year man Leslie Frazier. Another two-year player, Jeff Fisher, can play the corner, but he is more effective as a nickel back. Len Walterscheid is another nickel possibility if he recovers from knee problems.

Bob Thomas is expected to survive a challenge from place-kicker John Roveto, who replaced him last year when Thomas was injured. Bob Parsons is a veteran punter who led the league in nailing opponents inside the 20-yard line. Fisher was a steady if unspectacular punt returner as a rookie. Ditka will be looking for a kickoff-return man.

WR James Scott (below) and Bears' OL: Ted Albrecht, Dan Jiggetts, Revie Sorey, Noah Jackson, and Dan Neal (left to right)



BEARS VETERAN ROSTER

no	name	pos	ht	wt	age	NFL exp	college
64	Albrecht, Ted	OL	6-4	250	28	5	California
88	Anderson, Marcus	WR	5-11	168	23	2	Tulane
7	Avellini, Bob	QB	6-2	210	29	8	Maryland
84	Baschnagel, Brian	WR	6-0	184	28	7	Ohio St.
25	Bell, Todd	S	6-0	207	24	2	Ohio St.
54	Cabral, Brian	LB	6-1	224	26	4	Colorado
59	Campbell, Gary	LB	6-1	220	30	6	Colorado
10	Clifford, Tim	QB	6-1	207	24	2	Indiana
87	Cobb, Mike	TE	6-5	243	27	5	Michigan St.
81	Earl, Robin	TE	6-5	240	27	6	Washington
97	Ehlebracht, Tim	WR	6-1	207	24	2	North Central
8	Evans, Vince	QB	6-2	212	27	6	Southern Cal.
67	Fairchild, Greg	G	6-4	254	28	3	Tulsa
45	Fencik, Gary	S	6-1	197	28	7	Yale
85	Fisher, Bob	TE	6-3	240	24	3	SMU
24	Fisher, Jeff	DB	5-10	188	24	2	Southern Cal.
21	Frazier, Leslie	DB	6-0	189	23	2	Alcorn St.
83	Haines, Kris	WR	5-11	180	25	4	Notre Dame
99	Hampton, Dan	DL	6-5	255	25	4	Arkansas
35	Harper, Roland	RB	5-11	210	29	7	Louisiana Tech.
90	Harris, Al	DE	6-5	240	26	4	Arizona St.
73	Hartenstine, Mike	DE	6-3	243	29	8	Penn State
20	Henderson, Reuben	CB	6-1	200	24	2	San Diego St.
51	Herron, Bruce	LB	6-2	220	28	5	New Mexico
63	Hilgenberg, Jay	C	6-3	250	23	2	Iowa
65	Jackson, Noah	G	6-2	265	31	8	Tampa
62	Jiggetts, Dan	T	6-5	270	28	7	Harvard
57	Kunz, Lee	LB	6-2	225	25	4	Nebraska
	Lee, John	DE	6-2	260	28	7	Nebraska
70	Lick, Dennis	T	6-3	265	28	7	Wisconsin
89	Margerum, Ken	WR	5-10	170	24	2	Stanford
37	McClendon, Willie	RB	6-1	205	25	4	Georgia
76	McMichael, Steve	DL	6-1	245	25	3	Texas
43	Moorehead, Emery	WR	6-2	210	28	6	Colorado
58	Muckensturm, Jerry	LB	6-4	220	29	7	Arkansas St.
52	Neal, Dan	C	6-4	255	33	10	Kentucky
68	Osborne, Jim	DT	6-3	245	33	11	Southern
86	Parsons, Bob	P	6-5	225	32	11	Penn St.
34	Payton, Walter	RB	5-10	202	28	8	Jackson St.
15	Phipps, Mike	QB	6-3	209	35	13	Purdue
46	Plank, Doug	S	5-11	202	29	8	Ohio St.
9	Roveto, John	K	6-0	180	24	2	SW Louisiana
44	Schmidt, Terry	CB	6-0	177	30	9	Ball St.
89	Scott, James	WR	6-1	190	30	5	Henderson
72	Shearer, Brad	DT	6-3	247	27	4	Texas
91	Sheets, Todd	WR	6-0	183	25	2	Northwestern
	Shoate, Rod	LB	6-1	215	28	7	Oklahoma
50	Singletary, Mike	LB	5-11	230	24	2	Baylor
30	Skibinski, John	RB	6-0	222	27	4	Purdue
69	Sorey, Revie	G	6-2	260	29	8	Illinois
26	Suhey, Matt	RB	5-11	217	24	3	Penn St.
53	Tabor, Paul	OL	6-4	241	26	3	Oklahoma
16	Thomas, Bob	K	5-10	175	30	8	Notre Dame
78	Van Horne, Keith	T	6-6	265	25	2	Southern Cal
23	Walterscheid, Len	S	5-11	190	28	6	So. Utah St.
80	Watts, Rickey	WR	6-1	203	25	4	Tulsa
83	Williams, Brooks	TE	6-4	226	28	5	North Carolina
22	Williams, David	RB	6-2	207	28	6	Colorado
55	Wilson, Otis	LB	6-2	222	25	3	Louisville
79	Zanders, Emanuel	G	6-1	248	31	9	Jackson St.

DRAFTEES

rd	name	pos	ht	wt	age	college
1	McMahon, Jim	QB	6-0	180	22	BYU
3	Wrightman, Tim	TE	6-3	235	21	UCLA
4	Gentry, Dennis	RB	5-9	185	22	Baylor
5	Hartnett, Perry	OT	6-5	285	21	SMU
5	Tabron, Dennis	DB	6-1	200	22	Duke
6	Becker, Kurt	OG	6-5	250	22	Michigan
7	Waechter, Henry	DT	6-6	260	22	Nebraska
8	Doerger, Jerry	OT	6-5	255	21	Wisconsin
9	Hatchett, Mike	DB	5-11	175	22	Texas
10	Turner, Joe	DB	6-1	190	22	UCLA
11	Boliaux, Guy	LB	6-0	218	22	Wisconsin
12	Young, Ricky	LB	6-0	220	22	Okla. St.

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	W	L	T	Pct.	Pts.	OP
EASTERN DIVISION						
*Miami	11	4	1	.719	345	275
#N.Y. Jets	10	5	1	.656	355	287
#Buffalo	10	6	0	.625	311	276
Baltimore	2	14	0	.125	259	533
New England	2	14	0	.125	322	370
CENTRAL DIVISION						
*Cincinnati	12	4	0	.750	421	304
Pittsburgh	8	8	0	.500	356	297
Houston	7	9	0	.438	281	355
Cleveland	5	11	0	.313	276	375
WESTERN DIVISION						
*San Diego	10	6	0	.625	478	390
Denver	10	6	0	.625	321	289
Kansas City	9	7	0	.563	343	290
Oakland	7	9	0	.438	273	343
Seattle	6	10	0	.375	322	388

NATIONAL FOOTBALL CONFERENCE

	W	L	T	Pct.	Pts.	OP
EASTERN DIVISION						
*Dallas	12	4	0	.750	367	277
#Philadelphia	10	6	0	.625	368	221
#N.Y. Giants	9	7	0	.563	295	257
Washington	8	8	0	.500	347	349
St. Louis	7	9	0	.438	315	408
CENTRAL DIVISION						
*Tampa Bay	9	7	0	.563	315	268
Detroit	8	8	0	.500	397	322
Green Bay	8	8	0	.500	324	361
Minnesota	7	9	0	.438	325	369
Chicago	6	10	0	.375	253	324
WESTERN DIVISION						
*San Francisco	13	3	0	.813	357	250
Atlanta	7	9	0	.438	426	355
Los Angeles	6	10	0	.375	303	351
New Orleans	4	12	0	.250	207	378

*Division Champion #Wild Card for Playoffs

Note: San Diego won AFC Western title over Denver on the basis of a better division record (6-2 to 5-3).

AFC WILD CARD GAME

At New York, NY, December 27, 1981

Buffalo	17	7	0	7—31
New York Jets	0	10	3	14—27

SCORING

Buffalo: Romes 26-yard fumble recovery (Mike-Mayer PAT)
Buffalo: Lewis 50-yard pass from Ferguson (Mike-Mayer PAT)
Buffalo: Mike-Mayer 29-yard field goal
Buffalo: Lewis 26-yard pass from Ferguson (Mike-Mayer PAT)
New York: Shuler 30-yard pass from Todd (Leahy PAT)
New York: Leahy 26-yard field goal
New York: Leahy 19-yard field goal
Buffalo: Cribbs 45-yard run (Mike-Mayer PAT)
New York: B. Jones 30-yard pass from Todd (Leahy PAT)
New York: Long 1-yard run (Leahy PAT)

TEAM STATISTICS

	Buffalo	New York
First downs	15	23
Rushes-yards	22-91	22-71
Passing yards	230	348
Passes	17-34-4	28-50-4
Return yards	90	93
Punts	4-44	4-33
Fumbles-lost	1-0	3-1
Penalties-yards	8-62	6-55

Attendance: 57,050

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

Rushing: Buffalo—Cribbs 14-83, Leaks 6-12, Ferguson 2-minus 4; New York—McNeil 12-32, Long 8-28, Todd 2-11
Passing: Buffalo—Ferguson 17-34-4—268; New York—Todd 28-50-4 —377
Receiving: Buffalo—Lewis 7-158, Cribbs 5-64, Leaks 3-23, Brammer 2-17, Butler 1-6; New York—Dierking 7-52, Shuler 6-116, B. Jones 4-64, Gaffney 4-64, Walker 3-24, Barkum 2-41, Newton 1-12, Harper 1-4

NFC WILD CARD GAME

At Philadelphia, PA, December 27, 1981

New York Giants	20	7	0	0—27
Philadelphia	0	7	7	7—21

SCORING

New York: Bright 9-yard pass from Brunner (kick failed)
New York: Mistler 10-yard pass from Brunner (Danelo PAT)
New York: Haynes recovery in end zone of fumbled kickoff (Danelo PAT)
Philadelphia: Carmichael 15-yard pass from Jaworski (Franklin PAT)
New York: Mullady 22-yard pass from Brunner (Danelo PAT)
Philadelphia: Montgomery 6-yard run (Franklin PAT)
Philadelphia: Montgomery 1-yard run (Franklin PAT)

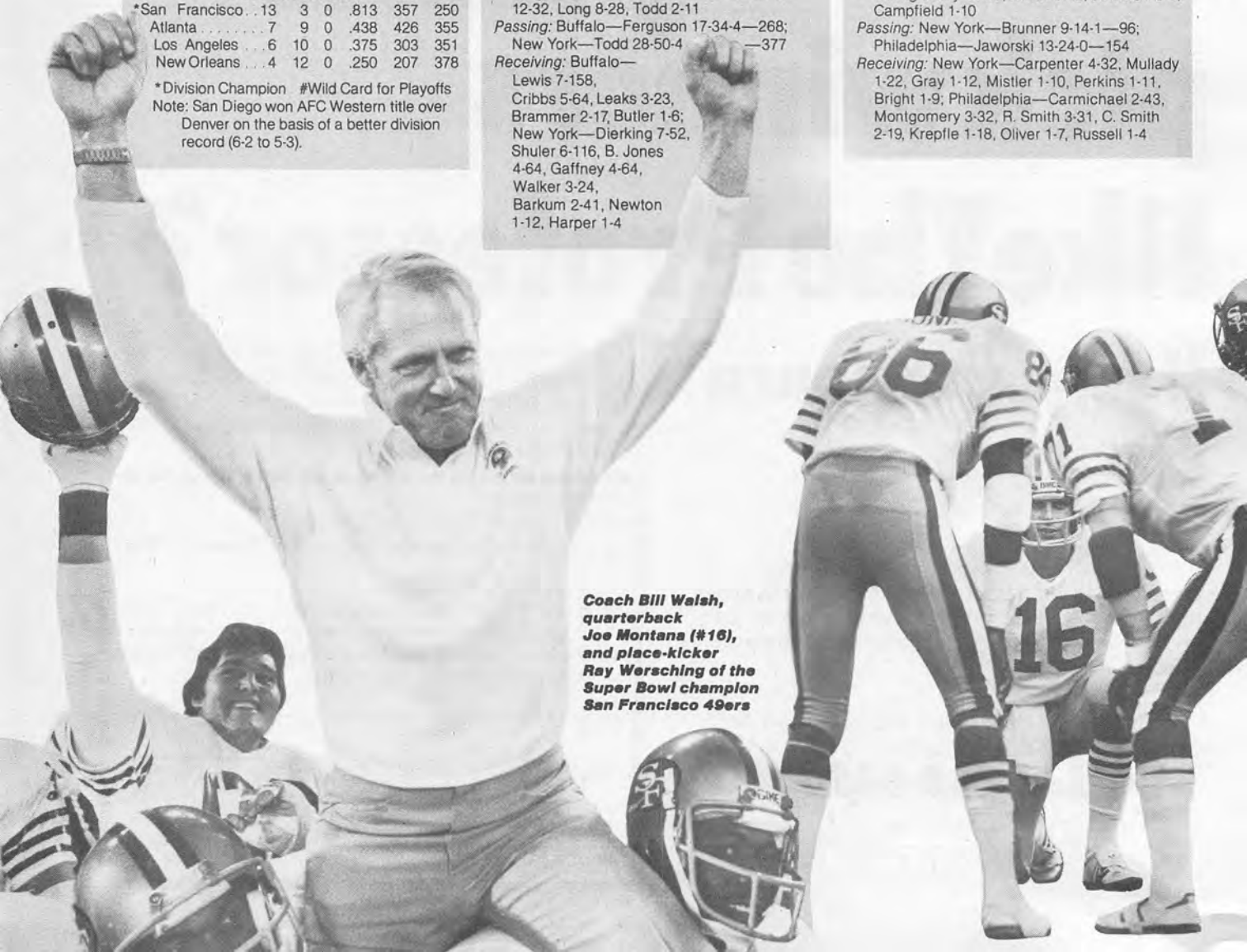
TEAM STATISTICS

	New York	Philadelphia
First downs	16	19
Rushes-yards	42-183	29-93
Passing yards	92	133
Passes	9-14-1	13-24-0
Return yards	41	17
Punts	4-45	7-42
Fumbles-lost	1-0	5-2
Penalties-yards	5-54	4-23

Attendance: 71,611

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

Rushing: New York—Carpenter 33-161, Brunner 6-11, Perry 3-11; Philadelphia—Montgomery 18-65, Oliver 5-12, Jaworski 5-6, Campfield 1-10
Passing: New York—Brunner 9-14-1—96; Philadelphia—Jaworski 13-24-0—154
Receiving: New York—Carpenter 4-32, Mullady 1-22, Gray 1-12, Mistler 1-10, Perkins 1-11, Bright 1-9; Philadelphia—Carmichael 2-43, Montgomery 3-32, R. Smith 3-31, C. Smith 2-19, Krepfle 1-18, Oliver 1-7, Russell 1-4



Coach Bill Walsh, quarterback Joe Montana (#16), and place-kicker Ray Wersching of the Super Bowl champion San Francisco 49ers

AFC DIVISIONAL PLAYOFF GAME

At Miami, FL, January 2, 1982

San Diego	24	0	7	3—41
Miami	0	17	14	7—38

SCORING

San Diego: Benirschke 32-yard field goal
San Diego: Chandler 56-yard punt return (Benirschke PAT)
San Diego: Muncie 1-yard run (Benirschke PAT)
San Diego: Brooks 8-yard pass from Fouts (Benirschke PAT)
Miami: von Schamann 34-yard field goal
Miami: Rose 1-yard pass from Strock (von Schamann PAT)
Miami: Nathan 25-yard lateral from Harris (von Schamann PAT)
Miami: Rose 15-yard pass from Strock (von Schamann PAT)
San Diego: Winslow 25-yard pass from Fouts (Benirschke PAT)
Miami: Hardy 50-yard pass from Strock (von Schamann PAT)
Miami: Nathan 12-yard run (von Schamann PAT)
San Diego: Brooks 9-yard pass from Fouts (Benirschke PAT)
San Diego: Benirschke 29-yard field goal

TEAM STATISTICS

	San Diego	Miami
First downs	33	25
Rushes-yards	29-149	28-78
Passing yards	415	388
Passes	33-54-1	30-47-2
Return yards	99	42
Punts	4-40	5-42
Fumbles-lost	3-3	2-1
Penalties-yards	8-45	7-44

Attendance: 73,735

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

Rushing: San Diego—Muncie 24-120, Brooks 3-19, Fouts 2-10; Miami—Nathan 14-48, Woodley 1-10, Hill 3-8, Vigorito 1-6, Franklin 9-6
Passing: San Diego—Fouts 33-53-1—433, Muncie 0-1-0—0; Miami—Woodley 2-5-1—20, Strock 28-42-1—397
Receiving: San Diego—Winslow 13-166, Joiner 7-108, Chandler 6-106, Brooks 4-31, Muncie 2-5, Scales 1-17; Miami—Nathan 8-108, Harris 6-106, Hardy 5-89, Rose 4-37, Cefalo 3-62, Vigorito 2-12, Hill 2-3

NFC DIVISIONAL PLAYOFF GAME

At Dallas, TX, January 2, 1982

Tampa Bay	0	0	0	0—0
Dallas	0	10	21	7—38

SCORING

Dallas: Hill 9-yard pass from White (Septien PAT)
Dallas: Septien 32-yard field goal
Dallas: Springs 1-yard run (Septien PAT)
Dallas: Dorsett 5-yard run (Septien PAT)
Dallas: Jones 5-yard run (Septien (PAT)
Dallas: Newsome 1-yard run (Septien PAT)

TEAM STATISTICS

	Tampa Bay	Dallas
First downs	12	26
Rushes-yards	22-75	46-212
Passing yards	148	133
Passes	10-29-4	15-26-0
Return yards	1	124
Punts	5-38	4-30
Fumbles-lost	2-0	0-0
Penalties-yards	10-105	5-40

Attendance: 64,848

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

Rushing: Tampa Bay—Owens 12-40, Wilder 4-23, Williams 2-9, Eckwood 4-2; Dallas—Dorsett 16-86, Springs 15-70, Jones 9-32, Newhouse 4-23, Newsome 1-1
Passing: Tampa Bay—Williams 10-29-4—187; Dallas—White 15-26-0—143, Carano 0-0-0—0
Receiving: Tampa Bay—T. Bell 3-36, Owens 3-32, Giles 2-98, Wilder 1-11, House 1-10; Dallas—Dorsett 4-48, DuPree 3-22, Pearson 2-21, Hill 2-18, Jones 2-15, Donley 1-14, Cosbie 1-5

AFC DIVISIONAL PLAYOFF GAME

At Cincinnati, OH, January 3, 1982

Buffalo	0	7	7	7—21
Cincinnati	14	0	7	7—28

SCORING

Cincinnati: Alexander 4-yard run (Breech PAT)
Cincinnati: Johnson 1-yard run (Breech PAT)
Buffalo: Cribbs 1-yard run (Mike-Mayer PAT)
Buffalo: Cribbs 44-yard run (Mike-Mayer PAT)
Cincinnati: Alexander 20-yard run (Breech PAT)
Buffalo: Butler 21-yard pass from Ferguson (Mike-Mayer PAT)
Cincinnati: Collinsworth 16-yard pass from Anderson (Breech PAT)

TEAM STATISTICS

	Buffalo	Cincinnati
First downs	21	22
Rushes-yards	28-134	37-136
Passing yards	202	169
Passes	15-31-2	14-21-0
Return yards	8	43
Punts	3-42	4-45
Fumbles-lost	0-0	0-0
Penalties-yards	6-56	5-44

Attendance: 55,420

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

Rushing: Buffalo—Cribbs 15-90, Hooks 9-30, Leaks 3-12, Brown 1-2; Cincinnati—Alexander 17-63, Johnson 17-45, Anderson 2-15, A. Griffin 1-4
Passing: Buffalo—Ferguson 15-31-2—202; Cincinnati—Anderson 14-21-0—192
Receiving: Buffalo—Butler 4-98, Lewis 3-38, Brammer 3-23, Leaks 2-16, Hooks 2-15, Jessie 1-12; Cincinnati—Ross 6-71, Johnson 3-23, Collinsworth 2-24, Kreider 1-42, Curtis 1-22, Alexander 1-10

NFC DIVISIONAL PLAYOFF GAME

At San Francisco, CA, January 3, 1982

New York Giants	7	3	7	7—24
San Francisco	7	17	0	14—38

SCORING

San Francisco: Young 8-yard pass from Montana (Wersching PAT)
New York: Gray 72-yard pass from Brunner (Danelo PAT)
San Francisco: Wersching 22-yard field goal
San Francisco: Solomon 58-yard pass from Montana (Wersching PAT)
San Francisco: Patton 25-yard run (Wersching PAT)
New York: Danelo 48-yard field goal
New York: Perkins 59-yard pass from Brunner (Danelo PAT)
San Francisco: Ring 3-yard run (Wersching PAT)
San Francisco: Lott 20-yard interception return (Wersching PAT)
New York: Perkins 17-yard pass from Brunner (Danelo PAT)

TEAM STATISTICS

	New York	San Francisco
First downs	13	24
Rushes-yards	22-65	34-135
Passing yards	281	288
Passes	16-37-2	20-31-1
Return yards	20	54
Punts	4-44	5-41
Fumbles-lost	4-2	2-0
Penalties-yards	9-61	14-145

Attendance: 58,360

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

Rushing: New York—Carpenter 17-61, Bright 1-5, Perry 2-1, Brunner 2-minus 2; San Francisco—Cooper 7-52, Patton 7-32, Ring 10-29, Solomon 1-12, Easley 4-9, Clark 1-6, Davis 1-4, Montana 3-minus 9
Passing: New York—Brunner 16-37-2—290; San Francisco—Montana 20-31-1—304
Receiving: New York—Perkins 7-121, Gray 3-118, Carpenter 3-18, Young 2-15, Mistler 1-18; San Francisco—Solomon 6-107, Clark 5-104, Patton 2-38, Young 2-22, Wilson 2-21, Ransom 1-11, Elliott 1-5, Ring 1-minus 4

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DIVISIONAL PLAYOFFS
San Diego 41, Miami 38 (OT) • Dallas 38, Tampa Bay 0
Cincinnati 28, Buffalo 21 • San Francisco 38, N.Y. Giants 24

CONFERENCE CHAMPIONSHIPS
Cincinnati 27, San Diego 7 • San Francisco 28, Dallas 27

SUPER BOWL XVI
San Francisco 26, Cincinnati 21

AFC-NFC PRO BOWL
AFC 16, NFC 13

1981 NFL FINAL STANDINGS

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1981 NFL FINAL STANDINGS

AFC CHAMPIONSHIP

At Cincinnati OH, January 10, 1982

San Diego	0	7	0	0	7
Cincinnati	10	7	3	7	27

SCORING

Cincinnati: Breech 31-yard field goal
Cincinnati: Harris 8-yard pass from Anderson (Breech PAT)
San Diego: Winslow 33-yard pass from Fouts (Benirschke PAT)
Cincinnati: Johnson 1-yard run (Breech (PAT)
Cincinnati: Breech 38-yard field goal
Cincinnati: Bass 3-yard from Anderson (Breech PAT)

TEAM STATISTICS

	San Diego	Cincinnati
First downs	18	19
Rushes-yards	31-128	36-143
Passing yards	173	175
Passes	15-28-2	15-23-0
Return yards	7	24
Punts	2-30	3-31
Fumbles-lost	4-2	3-1
Penalties-yards	2-15	3-25

Attendance: 46,302

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

Rushing: San Diego—Muncie 23-94, Brooks 6-23, Fouts 1-6, Cappelletti 1-5; Cincinnati—Johnson 21-80, Anderson 5-39, Alexander 9-22, Collinsworth 1-2
Passing: San Diego—Fouts 15-28-2—185; Cincinnati—Anderson 14-22-0—161, Thompson 1-1-0—14
Receiving: San Diego—Winslow 3-47, Chandler 6-79, Joiner 3-41, Brooks 2-5, Sievers 1-13; Cincinnati—Alexander 3-25, Ross 5-69, Harris 1-8, Collinsworth 2-28, Curtis 2-28, Johnson 1-14, Bass 1-3

NFC CHAMPIONSHIP

At San Francisco, CA, January 10, 1982

Dallas	10	7	0	10	27
San Francisco	7	7	7	7	28

SCORING

San Francisco: Solomon 8-yard pass from Montana (Wersching PAT)
Dallas: Septien 44-yard field goal
Dallas: Hill 26-yard pass from White (Septien PAT)
San Francisco: Clark 20-yard pass from Montana (Wersching PAT)
Dallas: Dorsett 5-yard run (Septien PAT)
San Francisco: Davis 2-yard run (Wersching PAT)
Dallas: Septien 22-yard field goal
Dallas: Cosbie 21-yard pass from White (Septien PAT)
San Francisco: Clark 6-yard pass from Montana (Wersching PAT)

TEAM STATISTICS

	Dallas	San Francisco
First downs	16	26
Rushes-yards	32-115	31-127
Passing yards	135	266
Passes	16-24-1	22-35-3
Return yards	13	29
Punts	6-39	3-36
Fumbles-lost	4-2	3-3
Penalties-yards	5-39	7-106

Attendance: 60,525

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

Rushing: Dallas—Dorsett 22-91, J. Jones 4-14, Springs 5-10, White 1-0; San Francisco—Elliott 10-48, Cooper 8-35, Ring 6-27, Solomon 1-14, Easley 2-6, Davis 1-2, Montana 3-minus 5
Passing: Dallas—White 16-24-1—173; San Francisco—Montana 22-35-3—286
Receiving: Dallas—J. Jones 3-17, DuPree 3-15, Springs 3-13, Hill 2-43, Pearson 1-31, Cosbie 1-21, Johnson 1-20, Saldi 1-9, Donley 1-4; San Francisco—Clark 8-120, Solomon 6-75, Young 4-45, Cooper 2-11, Elliott 1-24, Schumann 1-11

SUPER BOWL XVI

At Pontiac, MI, January 24, 1982

San Francisco	7	13	0	6	26
Cincinnati	0	0	7	14	21

SCORING

San Francisco: Montana 1-yard run (Wersching PAT)
San Francisco: Cooper 11-yard pass from Montana (Wersching PAT)
San Francisco: Wersching 22-yard field goal
San Francisco: Wersching 26-yard field goal
Cincinnati: Anderson 5-yard run (Breech PAT)
Cincinnati: Ross 4-yard pass from Anderson (Breech PAT)
San Francisco: Wersching 40-yard field goal
San Francisco: Wersching 23-yard field goal
Cincinnati: Ross 3-yard pass from Anderson

TEAM STATISTICS

	San Francisco	Cincinnati
First downs	20	24
Rushes-yards	40-127	24-72
Passing yards	148	284
Passes	14-22-0	25-34-2
Return yards	98	87
Punts	4-46	3-44
Fumbles-lost	2-1	2-2
Penalties-yards	8-65	8-57

Attendance: 81,270

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

Rushing: San Francisco—Cooper 9-34, Ring 5-17, Montana 6-18, Patton 17-55, Davis 2-5, Clark 1-minus 2; Cincinnati—Johnson 14-36, Alexander 5-17, Anderson 4-15, A. Griffin 1-4
Passing: San Francisco—Montana 14-22-0—157; Cincinnati—Anderson 25-34-2—300
Receiving: San Francisco—Patton 1-6, Clark 4-45, Solomon 4-52, Young 1-14, Cooper 2-15, Ring 1-3, Wilson 1-22; Cincinnati—Curtis 3-42, Ross 11-104, Johnson 2-8, Collinsworth 5-107, Alexander 2-3, Kreider 2-36

AFC-NFC PRO BOWL

At Honolulu, HI, January 31, 1982

National Conference	0	6	0	7	13
American Conference	0	0	13	3	16

SCORING

NFC: Giles 4-yard pass from Montana (kick failed)
AFC: Muncie 2-yard run (kick failed)
AFC: Campbell 1-yard run (Lowery PAT)
NFC: Dorsett 4-yard run (Septien PAT)
AFC: Lowery 23-yard field goal

TEAM STATISTICS

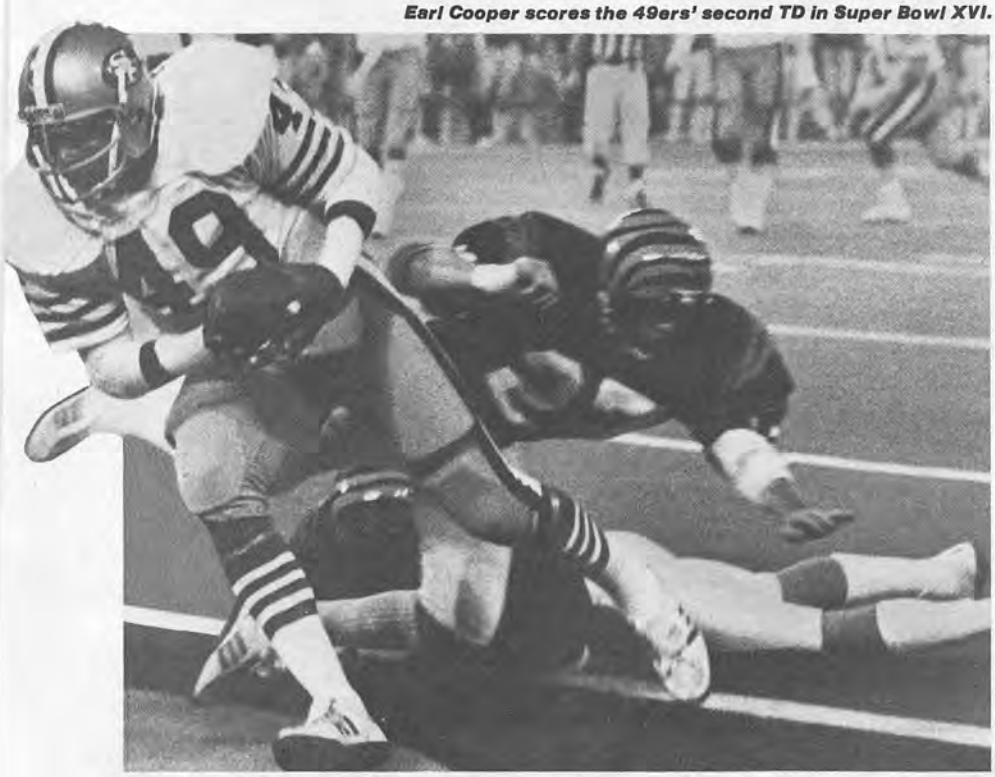
	NFC	AFC
First downs	12	25
Rushes-yards	28-116	45-154
Passing yards	42	195
Passes	7-29-2	16-30-3
Return yards	91	57
Punts	8-45	5-45
Fumbles-lost	4-2	4-1
Penalties-yards	6-35	1-5

Attendance: 50,402

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

Rushing: NFC—Dorsett 13-39, Sims 6-23, Montana 2-19, Andrews 4-12, Rogers 2-12, Bartowski 1-11; AFC—Campbell 11-52, Johnson 9-32, Delaney 11-28, Muncie 8-28, Anderson 3-18, Largent 1-0, Fouts 1-0, Lewis 1-minus 4
Passing: NFC—Montana 4-14-1—23, Bartowski 3-15-1—49; AFC—Anderson 8-14-1—106, Fouts 8-16-2—143
Receiving: NFC—Jenkins 2-33, Giles 2-20, Clark 1-23, Andrews 1-4, Rogers 1-minus 8; AFC—Winslow 6-86, Watson 3-51, Newsome 2-28, Johnson 2-16, Largent 1-35, Lewis 1-19, Collinsworth 1-14

Earl Cooper scores the 49ers' second TD in Super Bowl XVI.



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Tex Schramm has been saying it for what seemed like an eon: "Pro football runs in cycles. This thing will turn full circle." What the president of the Dallas Cowboys meant by "this thing" was the American Football Conference's domination of Schramm's National Conference.

In 1981, after a decade of embarrassment, it did turn full circle. The San Francisco 49ers became the third NFC team to win the Super Bowl. The NFC finally won an interconference series (28-24), after the AFC had recorded a 69-35 edge in the two previous seasons.

Not only that, but the players who provided the AFC with its vast edge are either gone or going. Bert Jones, John Jefferson, Fred Dean, and Russ Francis now play in the NFC. Joe Greene, Bob Griese, Jerry Sherk, and Haven Moses are retired. Such stars as Franco Harris, Ken Stabler, Jim Plunkett, Cliff Branch, L.C. Greenwood, Jack Ham, Isaac Curtis, Gene Upshaw, and Art Shell are in various stages of decline. The AFC clearly is suffering from brawn drain.

In addition, most of the bright new quarterbacks of recent seasons—Joe Montana of San Francisco, Eric Hipple of Detroit, Phil Simms of the New York Giants, Tommy Kramer of Minnesota, and Doug Williams of Tampa Bay—belong to the NFC. Four NFC runners gained more yardage than the AFC's No. 1 stallion, Earl Campbell of Houston, last season. They included the last two NFL rookies of the year, George Rogers of New Orleans and Billy Sims of Detroit.

The AFC, meanwhile, is in a state of change. Almost half the teams have quarterback situations which are either new or unsettled. Marc Wilson has taken over for Plunkett in Oakland. Gifford Nielsen, or possibly even rookie Oliver Luck, will succeed Stabler in Houston. Either of two rookies, Art Schlichter of Ohio State or Mike Pagel of Arizona State, will take command from Jones in Baltimore. In Kansas City, Steve Fuller and Bill Kenney have to fight over the quarterback job. The same applies to Steve Grogan and Matt Cavanaugh in New England. Miami uses a hybrid of David Woodley and Don Strock.

It is the teams with the settled, veteran quarterbacks which should attempt to wrest the championship trophy back from the NFC this year. The Super Bowl will be played in the Rose Bowl on Sunday, January 30.

The San Diego Chargers will take one more grand swipe at the AFC title. They virtually forfeited the first half of the 1982 draft to do it. The Chargers keep rearranging their defense until they think they have it right. They have a new defensive coordinator for the third year in a row. This one is Tom Bass, who built the strong units in Tampa Bay. They also traded for a first-rate leader in the secondary, safety Tim Fox of New England. Also new to the defense are a pair of Tampa Bay linebackers, one-time Pro Bowler David Lewis and another leader-type, Dewey Selmon.

If San Diego can play reasonable defense, give them a good shot at Super Bowl XVII, since they still have massive firepower. Dan Fouts remains among the foremost quarterbacks, with Kellen Winslow, Wes Chandler, and Charlie Joiner catching his passes and Ricky Bell now joining Chuck Muncie and James Brooks in the backfield.

Cincinnati should provide a graphic illustration that its trip to the last Super Bowl was no accident. The Bengals carefully built their team, mostly from the last five drafts. It should make them, if not a dynasty, then at least contenders for a long time.

The Bengals have a reasonable supply of everything a good football team would want. What they might do is work on getting fullback Pete Johnson across the goal line against a defense as gritty and determined as San Francisco's. Failure to do so was the key moment in Super XVI.

Ken Anderson played as well as he ever has at quarterback for Cincinnati, and he should continue for several more years. The Bengals are among the best-protected NFL teams at the position with Jack Thompson backing up Anderson.

by LARRY FELSER
BUFFALO EVENING NEWS

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STREET & SMITH'S 1982 ALL-AFC TEAM

OFFENSE
Quarterback—Dan Fouts, San Diego
Running back—Earl Campbell, Houston
Running back—Joe Cribbs, Buffalo
Wide receiver—Steve Largent, Seattle
Wide receiver—Jerry Butler, Buffalo
Tight end—Kellen Winslow, San Diego
Tackle—Anthony Munoz, Cincinnati
Tackle—Marvin Powell, New York Jets
Guard—John Hannah, New England
Guard—Mickey Marvin, Oakland
Center—Mike Webster, Pittsburgh
Place-kicker—Nick Lowery, Kansas City

DEFENSE
End—Joe Klecko, New York
End—Mark Gastineau, New York
Nose Tackle—Fred Smerlas, Buffalo
Outside linebacker—Lance Mehl, New York
Outside linebacker—Robert Brazile, Houston
Inside linebacker—Jack Lambert, Pittsburgh
Inside linebacker—Tom Cusineau, Cleveland
Cornerbacker—Don McNeal, Miami
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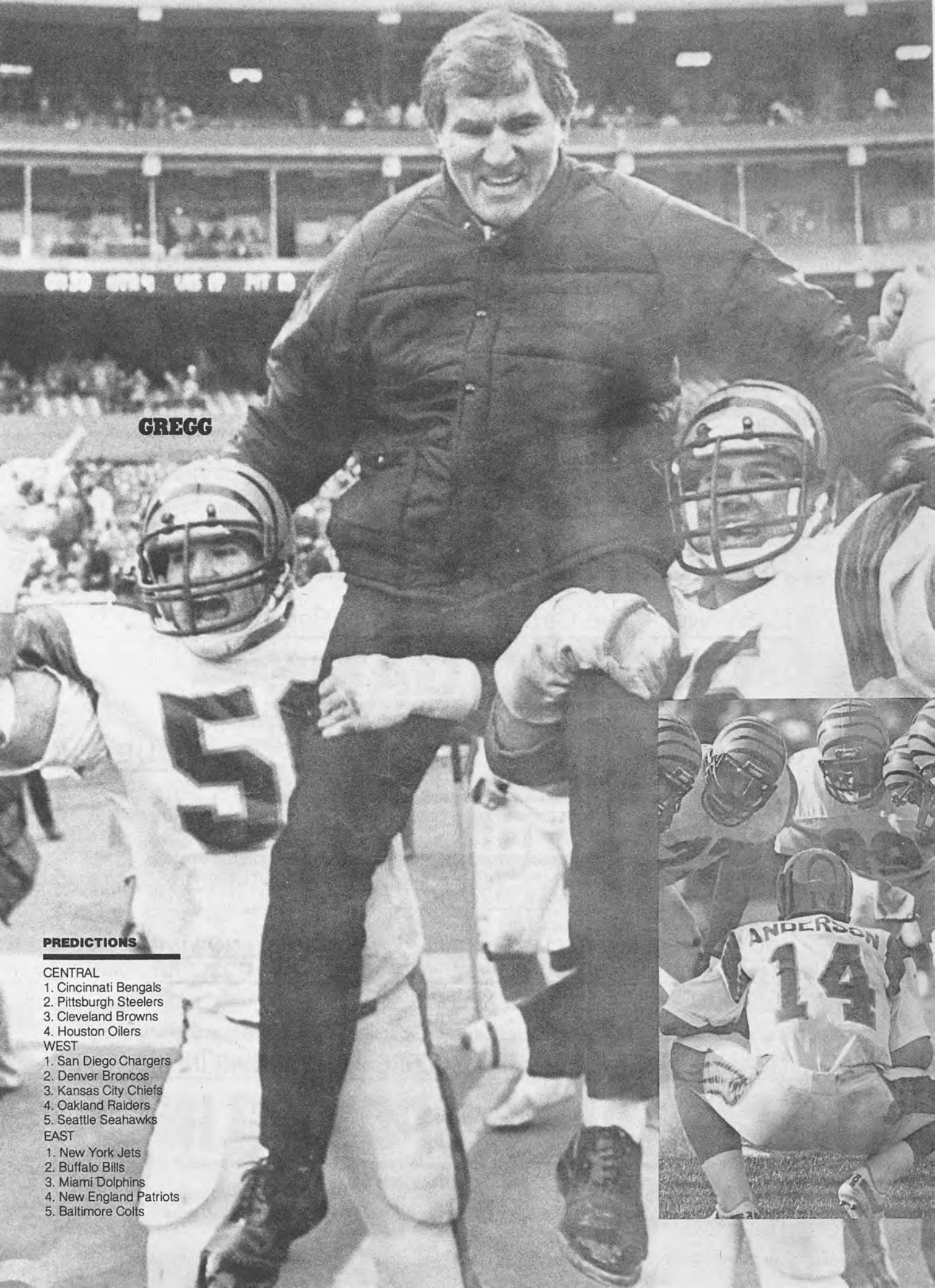
Free safety—Tim Fox, San Diego
Strong safety—Vernon Perry, Houston
Punter—Pat McInally, Cincinnati



PREDICTIONS

CENTRAL
1. Cincinnati Bengals
2. Pittsburgh Steelers
3. Cleveland Browns
4. Houston Oilers

WEST
1. San Diego Chargers
2. Denver Broncos
3. Kansas City Chiefs
4. Oakland Raiders
5. Seattle Seahawks

EAST
1. New York Jets
2. Buffalo Bills
3. Miami Dolphins
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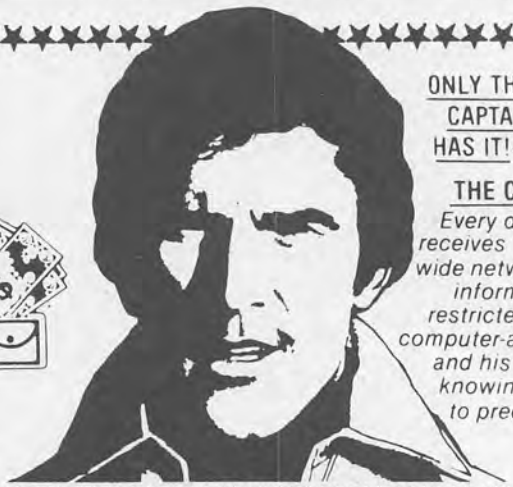

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Cris Collinsworth was the rookie wide receiver who detonated in 1981. The big explosion this season could come from David Verser, who was picked ahead of Collinsworth in the 1981 draft but who developed more slowly.

Pittsburgh has already started its rebuilding program, but it's questionable whether the Steelers are far enough along to pose a serious challenge to Cincinnati in the AFC Central.

The wildest division race should be in the East, where Miami, the New York Jets, and Buffalo battled to the final weekend last season. All three made the playoffs.

The Dolphins' championship was more a tribute to the coaching of Don Shula than to the structure of the Miami lineup, which is less than overpowering both on offense and defense. Shula still seems to will victories.

New York, which realized its vast potential after losing its first three games, seems most likely to succeed in the East this year. The Jets, mounting the toughest pass rush seen in the NFL in 15 years, won 11 of their last 13 games in 1981, losing, strangely enough, only to Seattle in both ends of a home-and-home series. The Jets' defense features two Pro Bowl ends, Joe Klecko and Mark Gastineau, and two other big-play defenders, safety Darrol Ray and linebacker Lance Mehl. Offensively, the explosions could occur more frequently once the two talented receivers, Lam Jones and Wesley Walker, become consistent, and once running back Freeman McNeil, hurt part of 1981, is melded deeper into the attack.

Buffalo's defense has problems with strong running attacks, but the Bills have so much firepower on offense that they must be conceded a chance to beat any team. When Joe Ferguson, the ten-year quarterback, is hot, he can light up a scoreboard by collaborating with Pro Bowl receivers Frank Lewis and Jerry Butler, Pro Bowl halfback Joe Cribbs, and, this season, with the No. 1 draftee, Clemson's record-breaking Perry Tuttle. Fergy is protected by an offensive line which had surrendered the fewest sacks in the NFL for the last two seasons.

The AFC will have two new coaches, both in the Eastern Division. Ron Meyer comes to New England from Southern Methodist University to succeed Ron Erhard. Frank Kush arrives in Baltimore via Arizona State University after a one-year stopover with the Hamilton Tiger-Cats in the Canadian League. The Pats and Colts, of course, finished with the two worst records in pro football last year.

The Patriots, as last year's absolute worst—certified by a season-ending loss to the Colts in the ill-famed "Stupor Bowl"—received the No. 1 pick in the college draft. They chose Ken Sims, the huge defensive lineman from the University of Texas, but not before turning down a $2.5 million cash offer for the pick, according to the Pats' president, Billy Sullivan.

Of the 13 first-round draft choices used by AFC teams, seven went for defensive players and only one was used to select a quarterback, Schlichter, by the Colts.

The most talked-about newcomer in the AFC will not be Sims, but Cleveland linebacker Tom Cousineau, who was the No. 1 selection in the 1978 draft. Cousineau spurned the NFL and the Buffalo Bills, the team which made the selection, to sign with Montreal of the Canadian League. When his Montreal contract expired last spring, Cousineau became a free agent, but the Bills still had the right to match the highest offer he received. That turned out to be a $3.5 million package put together by the Houston Oilers. Buffalo owner Ralph C. Wilson Jr. flinched at the price tag, then recovered only long enough to sign Cousineau and trade him to the Browns for three draft choices, including a first-round selection next season.

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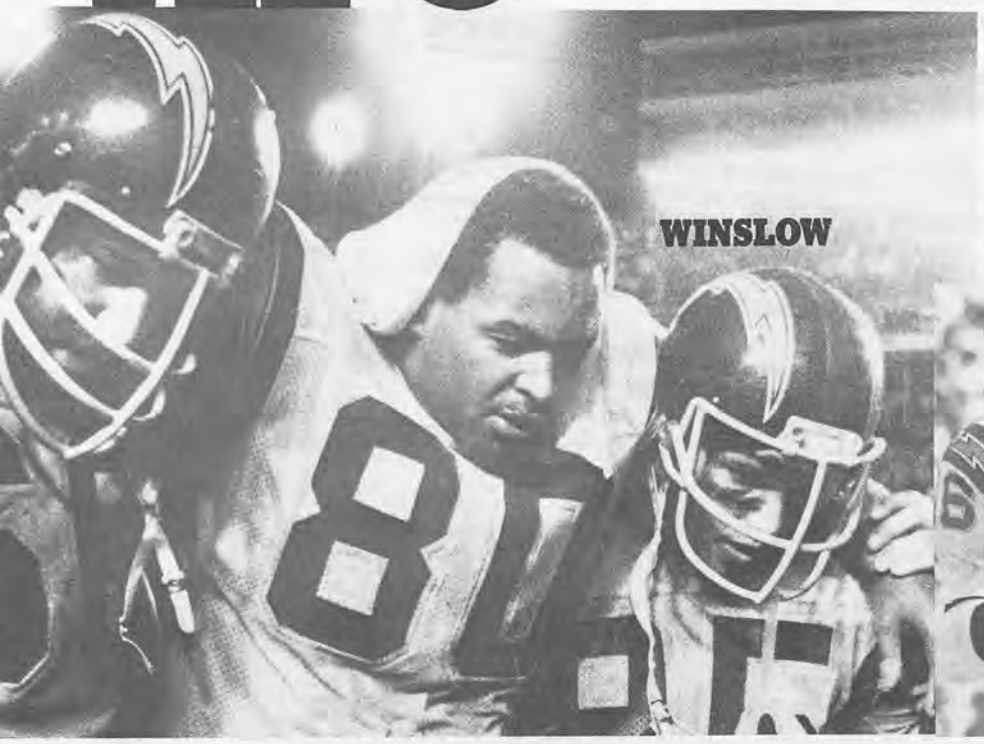
Here is what some of the 1982 individual championships and awards should look like.

- Ground gaining: Earl Campbell, Houston
- Passing: Dan Fouts, San Diego
- Receiving: Steve Largent, Seattle
- Scoring: Rolf Benirschke, San Diego
- Punt returns: James Brooks, San Diego
- Kickoff returns: Carl Roaches, Houston
- Punting: Pat McInally, Cincinnati
- Interceptions: Darrol Ray, New York
- Offensive rookie of the year: Gerald Willhite, Denver
- Defensive rookie of the year: Tom Cousineau, Cleveland
- Most valuable player: Joe Cribbs, Buffalo
- Coach of the year: Dan Reeves, Denver



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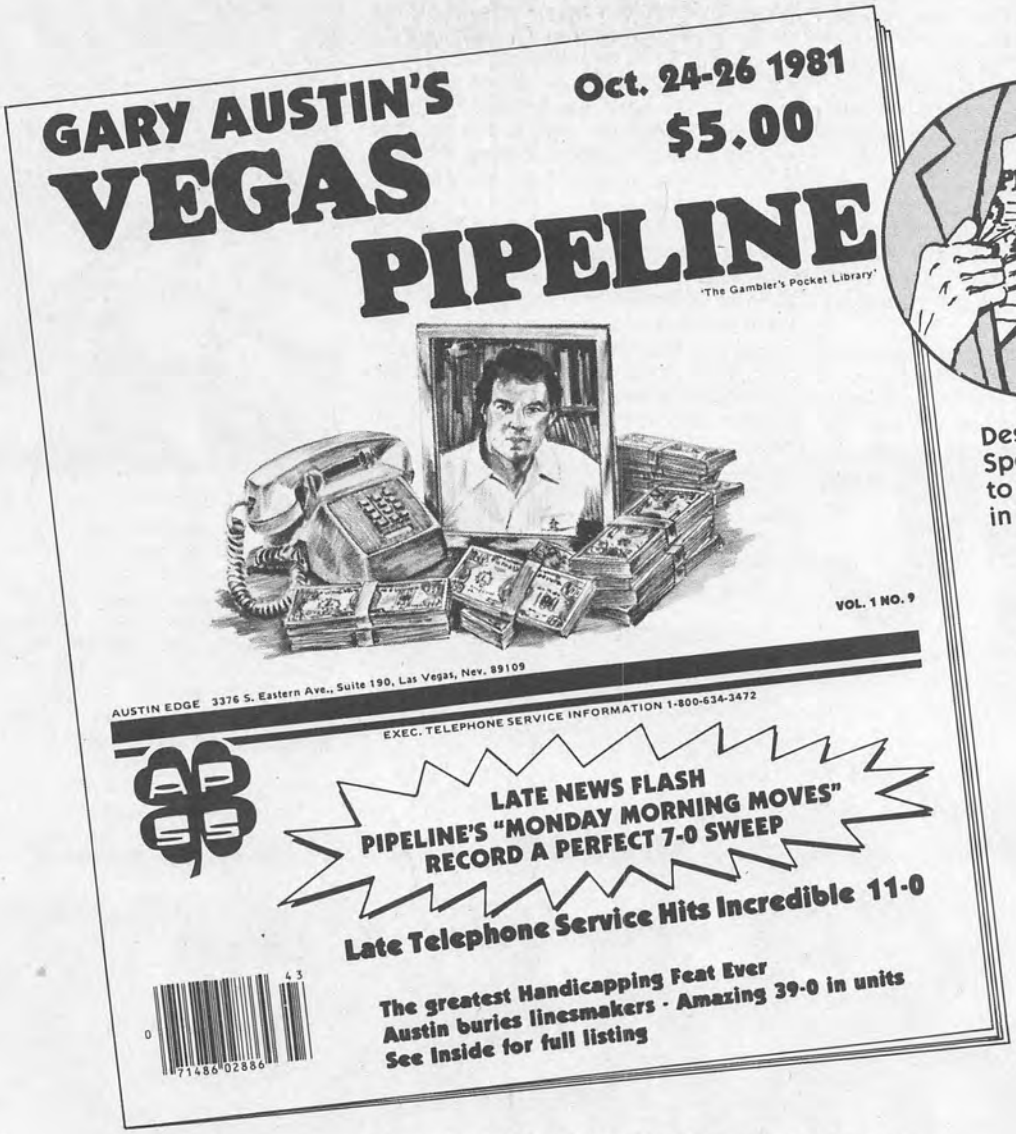

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CINCINNATI BENGALS

The conventional wisdom around the NFL is that the Bengals will be playing in a different atmosphere in 1982, that they will no longer be a 6-10 team, lurking in the weeds to surprise their betters. Bill Walsh, whose San Francisco 49ers outdueled Cinci in the last Super Bowl, rejects the conventional wisdom.

"To consider the Bengals a 'Cinderella' team is a mistake," argues Walsh. "They did not come out of nowhere. They had been stockpiling excellent talent for some time and, I think, most football people felt that it was only a question of time before the Bengals were a winner."

The question is, can the Bengals repeat as champions of the AFC? The answer is, why not? The Bengals aren't an overpowering team, either offensively or defensively, but they are as well-balanced as any team in the conference.

Their offense is capable of startling accomplishments, even against quality defenses. In mid-November, when they were still holding off the Pittsburgh Steelers in the AFC Central, they met the Denver Broncos, a team with the same record, 8-3, as the Bengals. The Broncos had the best defensive record in the NFL at the time. The Bengals ripped Denver for 571 yards, with quarterback Ken Anderson passing for 396 and three touchdowns.

The 1981 season was a personal triumph for Anderson, who, before the start, seemed to be at a declining point in his career. Easily the dominant player in the AFC, Anderson led the entire NFL in passing with a 98.5 efficiency rating, almost 8 points better than the runner-up, Craig Morton of Denver. Anderson threw for 3,754 yards and 29 touchdowns. His completion percentage, 62.6, was the best in the AFC, but perhaps the most important statistic was his league-leading interception rate, a mere 2.1 percent.

"I was the same quarterback I had been the previous couple of seasons," he says, "but with a very good offensive line."

The Bengals drafted one key lineman a year until they had their front: guard Dave Lapham, tackle Mike Wilson, center Blair Bush, guard Max Montoya, and, finally the keystone, tackle Anthony Munoz. In his second pro season, Munoz not only became an all-pro, but caused knowledgeable football people to predict that he will become one of the all-time great players.

On the surface, the performance of the line doesn't seem that impressive. It allowed 35 quarterback sacks, which was just under the league average. The Cinci running game was dependable, but hardly robust.

But the line produced at the vital times. The only memorable malfunction was in the Super Bowl, when fullback Pete Johnson, who scored a dozen touchdowns during the regular season, was stuffed by the San Francisco defense on a vital fourth-down play at the 49er goal line.

One of the keys to the success of the Cinci line was Forrest Gregg's decision to hire Jim McNally, a college assistant, as his line coach. McNally gave the Bengals just what Gregg wanted, sound teaching. The line is still improving. It already has the size, an average of 268 pounds.

Johnson had his best season, 1,077 yards, but there wasn't much beyond the big guy. Charles Alexander had a big game against Buffalo in the playoffs, 72 yards and two touchdowns, but his 292 yards for the season were 410 off his 1980 figure. Alexander was outgained by Anderson, who ran for 320 yards and a 7-yard average. Kenny remains one of the more mobile NFL quarterbacks.

The offensive riches are in the corps of receivers, and no AFC team played the multiple passing sets better than Cincinnati. In a season rich with rookies, the Bengals had one of the best in wide receiver Cris Collinsworth. He burst into the lineup in training camp, caught 67 passes for 1,009 yards, a 15.1-yard average, and eight touchdowns. He was selected for the Pro Bowl. The surprise was that Collinsworth was the second wide receiver selected by Cinci. The Bengals' first-round pick was David Verser, who played only enough to average 26.8 yards on his six catches. He could be a much bigger factor this season.

Veteran Isaac Curtis caught 37 passes for a 16.5-yard average and handyman Steve Krieder, an important man in the "flood" formations, caught 37 passes and scored five touchdowns. The unsung man was the young tight end, Dan Ross. In addition to his 71 receptions during the regular season, he caught 11 in the two playoff games and was the Bengals' top player in the Super Bowl. Johnson caught 46 passes, four of them for touchdowns.

1981 LEADERS AND AFC RANKINGS

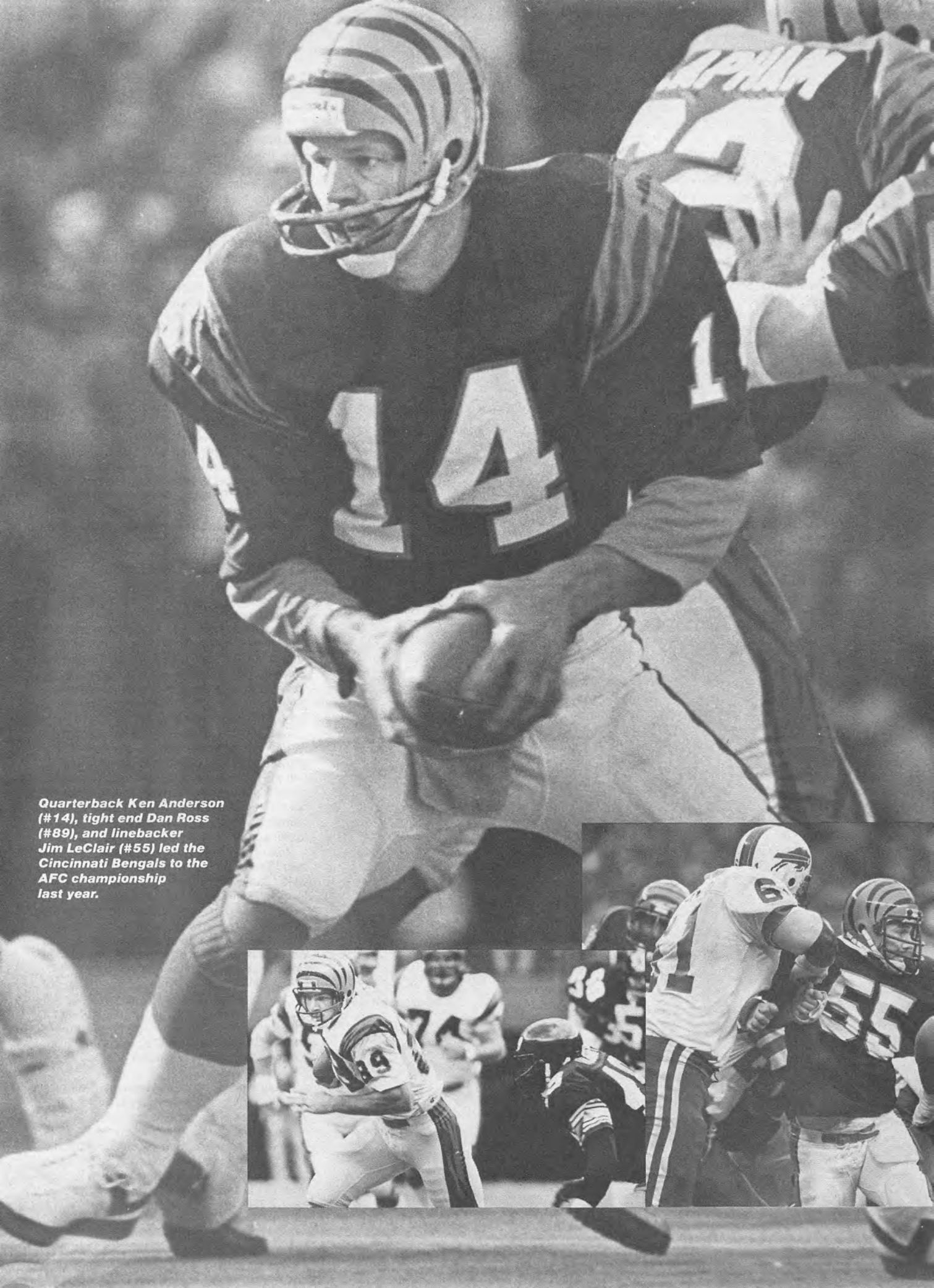
SCORING—Breech, 115 points on 22 field goals and 49 PAT's . . . T1st
RUSHING—Johnson, 274 carries for 1,077 yards, 3.9 avg., 12 TD's . . . 6th
PASSING—Anderson, 300 of 479 attempts for 3,754 yards, 29 TD's . . . 1st
RECEIVING—Ross, 71 receptions for 910 yards, 12.8 avg., 5 TD's . . . 3rd
INTERCEPTIONS—Riley, 5 for 6 yards, 1.2 avg. . . . 12th
PUNTING—McInally, 72 punts, 45.4 avg., longest 62 yards . . . 1st
PUNT RETURNS—Fuller, 23 for 177 yards, 7.7 avg. . . . 9th
KICKOFF RETURNS—Verser, 29 for 691 yards, 23.8 avg. . . . 4th

PRESEASON SCHEDULE

August	14	At Kansas City (N)
	21	Green Bay (Milwaukee, N)
	28	DETROIT (N)
September	3	WASHINGTON (N)

1982 SCHEDULE			1981 SCORES
September	12	HOUSTON	34-21
	19	At Pittsburgh	17-10
	27	At Cleveland (N)	41-21
October	3	MIAMI	—
	10	At New England	—
	17	At New York Giants	—
	24	DALLAS (N)	—
	31	PITTSBURGH	34-7
November	7	WASHINGTON	—
	14	At Houston	10-17
	21	At Philadelphia	—
	28	OAKLAND	—
December	5	At Baltimore	41-19
	12	CLEVELAND	17-20
	20	At San Diego (N)	40-17
	26	SEATTLE	27-21

Bengal's cornerback Ken Riley (#13) leads all active players with 52 career interceptions; fullback Pete Johnson enjoyed his best season in 1981.



Quarterback Ken Anderson (#14), tight end Dan Ross (#89), and linebacker Jim LeClair (#55) led the Cincinnati Bengals to the AFC championship last year.

The Cincinnati defense does not contain stars. Not one member was selected to appear in the Pro Bowl. Their statistics aren't all that startling—only 19 interceptions—but their pass rush is good, if not in a class with New York's. But the Bengals play very well as a unit. They allowed only 12 touchdowns rushing all season, and they stiffen when necessary.

Hank Bullough, who put in the 3-4 defense with outstanding success when he was at New England, did the same thing in Cinci, despite initial resistance from the veteran defenders.

The linebacking crew of inside men Jim LeClair and Glenn Cameron and outside backers Reggie Williams and Bo Harris is outstanding. LeClair, an 11-year veteran, led the team with 112 tackles, including 81 solos. Williams is a frequent blitzer. He led the Bengals in sacks and made four interceptions.

The ends, Ross Browner and Eddie Edwards, are mobile and quick. The nose tackle, Wilson Whitley, is a power player. Edwards had ten sacks. The Bengals' usual special formation is the four-man front, which they play effectively with Gary Burley coming into the game as the fourth lineman. On occasion, they play a five-man front, and do it well. It was the five-man front which keyed consecutive victories over San Diego and Los Angeles. In each game, Cinci recorded a half dozen sacks. The Bengals drubbed the Chargers, 40-17, in Jack Murphy-San Diego Stadium. In that game, cornerback Louis Breeden tied an NFL record by returning an interception 102 yards for a touchdown. Breeden averaged 36.3 yards on his four interceptions.

The top Bengal deep defender, however, was the other cornerback, 13-year veteran Ken Riley. He intercepted five passes, bringing his career total to 52, tops among active players. It was his steady, consistently good play which provided leadership. The safeties are both young and feisty. Bryan Hicks is a second-year man at free safety. Rookie Bobby Kemp broke into the lineup at strong safety midway in the season and played well. The Bengals also have the depth to play nickel and dime defenses, with ex-Charger Mike Fuller, John Simmons, and Ray Griffin on the roster.

Pat McInally was the NFL's top punter, a 45.4-yard average, with 17 kicks landing inside the 20. His net average, 36.1, tied for best in the AFC. McInally provides a bonus, since he is an accomplished pass catcher.

The draft brought an unexpected bonus, Mississippi State defensive tackle Glen Collins, who had been rated by most scouts as the top senior at his position. Why did Collins last until the 27th pick? Who knows. The Bengals will just make use of him when they play a four-man front, or maybe to prod one of their reluctant talents, Gary Burley. Other key picks included defensive lineman Emanuel Weaver of South Carolina State and a back-up tight end, Rodney Holman of Tulane.

The Bengals celebrate their AFC title game win over San Diego (at right); Cris Collinsworth (below) had an outstanding rookie season.

BENGALS VETERAN ROSTER

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Age	NFL Exp.	College
40	Alexander, Charles	RB	6-1	221	25	4	LSU
14	Anderson, Ken	QB	6-3	212	33	12	Augustana
84	Bass, Don	WR	6-2	220	26	5	Houston
10	Breech, Jim	K	5-6	161	26	4	California
34	Breeden, Louis	CB	5-11	185	29	5	N.C. Central
79	Browner, Ross	DE	6-3	261	28	5	Notre Dame
74	Bujnoch, Glenn	G	6-6	265	29	7	Texas A&M
67	Burley, Gary	DE	6-3	274	30	7	Pittsburgh
58	Bush, Blair	C	6-3	252	26	5	Washington
50	Cameron, Glenn	LB	6-2	228	29	8	Florida
80	Collinsworth, Cris	WR	6-5	192	23	2	Florida
85	Curtis, Isaac	WR	6-1	192	32	10	San Diego St.
21	Davis, Oliver	S	6-1	205	28	6	Tennessee
52	Dinkel, Tom	LB	6-3	237	26	5	Kansas
73	Edwards, Eddie	DE	6-5	256	28	6	Miami
49	Frazier, Guy	LB	6-2	215	23	2	Wyoming
42	Fuller, Mike	S	5-10	182	29	8	Auburn
45	Griffin, Archie	RB	5-9	184	28	7	Ohio St.
44	Griffin, Ray	CB	5-10	186	26	5	Ohio St.
66	Hannula, Jim	T-P	6-6	251	23	2	N. Illinois
36	Hargrove, Jim	RB	6-2	228	25	2	Wake Forest
53	Harris, Bo	LB	6-3	226	29	8	LSU
83	Harris, M.L.	TE	6-5	238	28	3	Kansas St.
27	Hicks, Bryan	S	6-0	192	25	3	McNeese St.
37	Jackson, Robert	S	5-10	184	24	2	C. Michigan
30	Jauron, Dick	S	6-0	190	32	10	Yale
46	Johnson, Pete	RB	6-0	249	28	6	Ohio St.
26	Kemp, Bobby	DB	6-0	186	23	2	Fullerton
86	Kreider, Steve	WR	6-3	192	24	4	Lehigh
62	Lapham, Dave	G	6-4	262	30	9	Syracuse
55	Leclair, Jim	LB	6-3	234	32	11	North Dakota
87	McInally, Pat	P-WR	6-6	212	29	7	Harvard
65	Montoya, Max	G	6-5	275	26	4	UCLA
60	Moore, Blake	C	6-5	267	24	3	Wooster
78	Munoz, Anthony	T	6-6	278	24	3	USC
68	Obrovac, Mike	T	6-6	275	27	2	Bowling Green
51	Razzano, Rick	LB	5-11	227	27	3	Virginia Tech
13	Riley, Ken	CB	6-0	183	35	14	Florida A&M
89	Ross, Dan	TE	6-4	235	25	4	Northeastern
72	St. Clair, Mike	DE	6-5	254	29	7	Grambling
29	Samoa, Samoa	RB	6-2	207	26	2	Wash. St.
15	Schonert, Turk	QB	6-1	185	25	3	Stanford
59	Schuh, Jeff	LB	6-2	228	24	2	Minnesota
25	Simmons, John	CB	5-11	192	24	2	SMU
56	Simpkins, Ron	LB	6-1	235	24	3	Michigan
12	Thompson, Jack	QB	6-3	217	26	4	Wash. St.
81	Verser, David	WR	6-1	200	24	2	Kansas
75	Whitley, Wilson	NT	6-3	265	27	6	Houston
57	Williams, Reggie	LB	6-0	228	28	7	Dartmouth
77	Wilson, Mike	T	6-5	271	27	5	Georgia

DRAFTEES

rd	name	pos	ht	wt	age	college
1	Collins, Glen	DE	6-6	260	22	Miss. St.
2	Weaver, Emanuel	NT	6-4	260	21	South Carolina
3	Holman, Rodney	TE	6-3	230	22	Tulane
4	Tate, Rodney	RB	5-11	190	23	Texas
5	Sorenson, Paul	DB	6-0	195	22	Washington St.
6	King, Arthur	NT	6-4	260	22	Grambling
7	Needham, Ben	LB	6-4	220	23	Michigan
8	Yli-Renko, Kari	T	6-5	280	22	Cincinnati
9	Bennett, James	WR	6-1	190	22	NW Louisiana
10	Hogue, Larry	CB	5-10	175	22	Utah St.
11	Davis, Russell	RB	5-10	187	22	Idaho
12	Feraday, Dan	QB	6-1	205	25	Toronto

PITTSBURGH STEELERS

The Steelers spoiled a good story in the last month of the 1981 season. They were going to make it back. Perhaps not all the way back, but at least into the playoffs. Maybe forge ahead of Cincinnati to win the Central Division title. Who knows how far they'd go after that, since the Steelers were familiar with the way, having traveled it so often. Never underestimate experience in the playoffs. The Steelers had it, they could handle the pressure, etc., etc.

Then they lost their last three games. Not only did the Steelers fail to qualify for the postseason tournament, but they finished at 8-8, the first time in ten seasons that they did not enjoy a winning season. Another nagging note is that all but three of their losses came in games in which they held leads going into the fourth quarter.

What now? Scrap the entire past? Start all over? Try to patch up? Those are the questions which haunt Chuck Noll, the only coach ever to win four Super Bowls.

What Noll must do is tote up his assets and liabilities, the assets which he actually possesses rather than the things Steeler fans were kidding themselves about before last December delivered its cruel message.

The assets begin with the pass-catch aspect of the offense. Terry Bradshaw to John Stallworth, Lynn Swann, and Jim Smith, with a little Bennie Cunningham thrown in. There are some who will question that big asset. The Pittsburgh passing game just didn't produce as expected last year.

There were a couple of reasons. One was that Stallworth, who caught 63 passes for 1,098 yards and five touchdowns, suffered a recurrence of foot problems just when the Steelers were entering the stretch. Swann, a thoroughbred type who must be in top physical condition to function well, suffered from hamstring pulls most of the season. He caught only 34 passes for five TD's and a 14.9-yard average.

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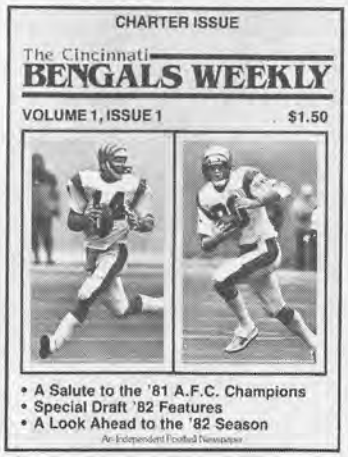

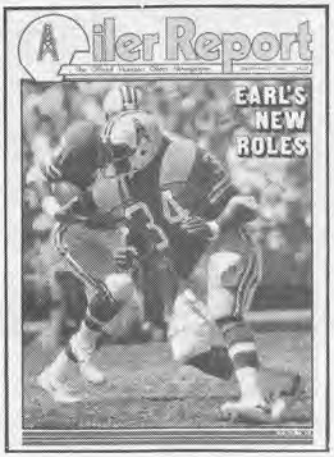

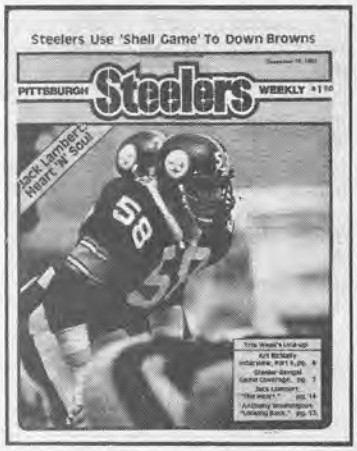

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Stallworth emphasized rest to get his foot back in playing shape for this season. Swann emphasized an intensive strength and conditioning program. Both should have several good seasons remaining.

Smith has outperformed Stallworth and Swann in the last two seasons, catching 16 touchdown passes and averaging a robust 19.4 yards on his receptions. That's an enormous plus, considering the amount of sets Pittsburgh now employs featuring three or more receivers.

Bradshaw, the man whose job it is to get the ball to Swann, Stallworth, and Smith, suffered some disabling injuries late in the season. Even when he was healthy, though, his performance was inconsistent. He threw for 2,887 yards and 22 touchdowns, but in the era of box-car figures, those are modest.

In Pittsburgh, the feeling is that what Bradshaw needs most is a sense of commitment. No more distracting thoughts about a possible television acting career or other such sidelines. Just football. If Craig Morton can enginer a winning record at the age of 38, Bradshaw is capable of at least that much at age 34.

1981 LEADERS AND AFC RANKINGS

SCORING—Trout, 74 points on 12 field goals and 38 PAT's...14th
RUSHING—Harris, 242 carries for 987 yards, 4.1 avg., 8 TD's...7th
PASSING—Bradshaw, 201 of 370 attempts for 2,887 yards, 22 TD's...4th
RECEIVING—Stallworth, 63 receptions for 1.098 yards, 17.4 avg., 5 TD's...10th
INTERCEPTIONS—Blount, 6 for 106 yards, 17.7 avg., 1 TD...4th
PUNTING—Colquitt, 84 punts, 43.3 avg., longest 74 yards...3rd
PUNT RETURNS—Anderson, 20 for 208 yards, 10.4 avg...5th
KICKOFF RETURNS—Anderson, 37 for 825 yards, 22.3 avg...10th

PRESEASON SCHEDULE

August	14	New England (at Knoxville, TN, N)
	21	At New York Giants (N)
	28	BALTIMORE (N)
September	4	PHILADELPHIA (N)

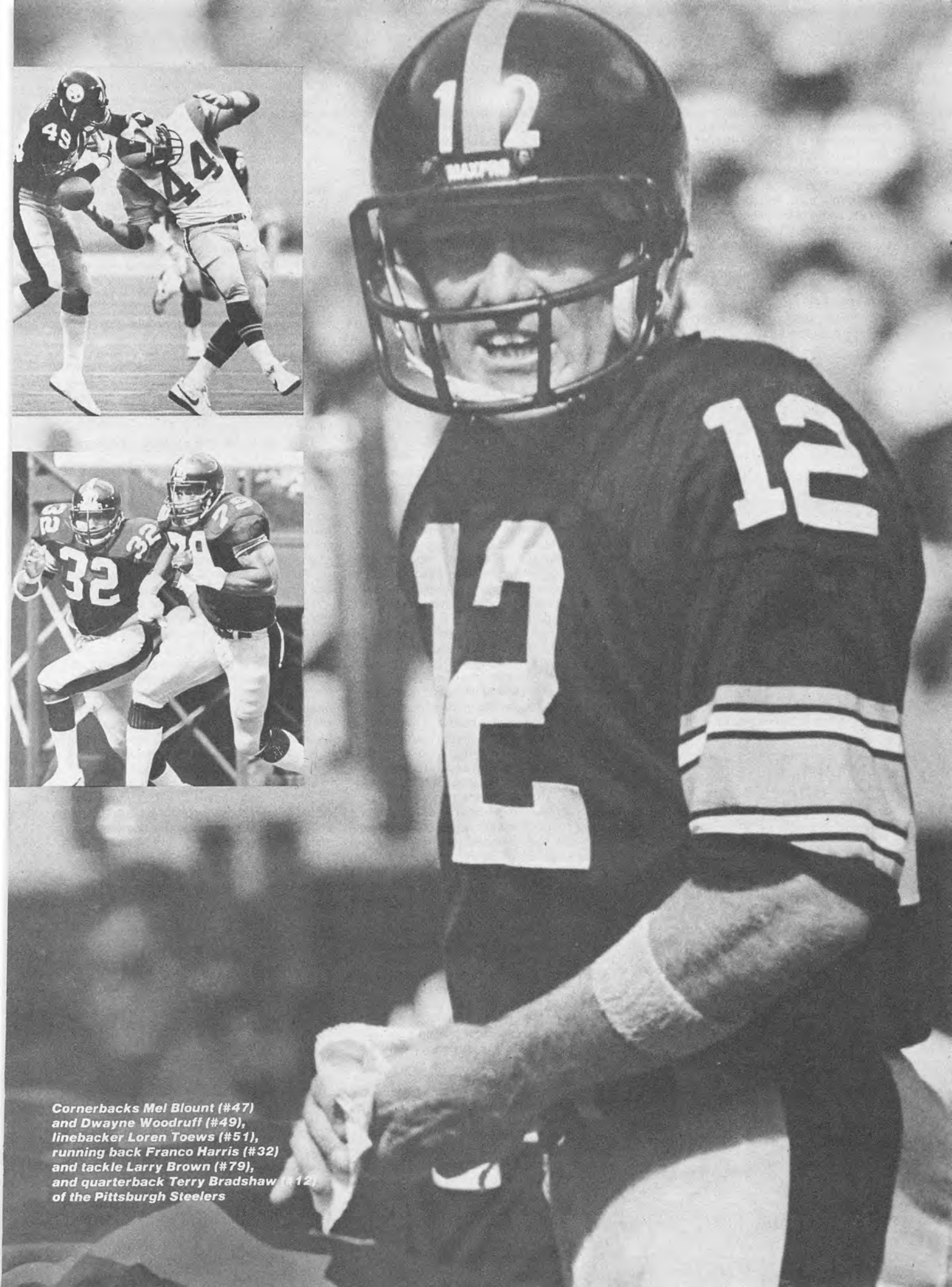
1982 SCHEDULE			1981 SCORES
September	13	At Dallas (N)	—
	19	CINCINNATI	10-17
	26	NEW YORK GIANTS	—
October	3	At Denver	—
	11	PHILADELPHIA (N)	—
	17	At Washington	—
	24	CLEVELAND	13-7
	31	At Cincinnati	7-34
November	7	HOUSTON	26-13
	14	NEW YORK JETS	38-10
	21	At Houston	20-21
	28	At Seattle	21-24
December	5	KANSAS CITY	33-37
	12	At Buffalo	—
	19	At Cleveland	32-10
	26	NEW ENGLAND	27-21

The Steelers hope that Bradshaw and Franco Harris won't be out of synch with good seasons. Franco was just 13 yards shy of a 1,000-yard season at the age of 31. Running backs just don't function at high gear when they get into their thirties, but possibly Harris is that rarity. At least he was last season, and in this one he'll have the motivation of passing O.J. Simpson as the No. 2 ground gainer in NFL history. He needs only 898 yards.

The surprising part of Harris's good season in 1981 was that he didn't have much help. There was no Rocky Bleier lining up alongside any more, blocking like a guard and making big catches coming out of the backfield. Instead, there was a hybrid—young Frank Pollard, Sydney Thornton, and Greg Hawthorne. Pollard was the second-high ground gainer, with 570 yards, but none of the three players could qualify as a Steeler asset yet.

Cunningham finally turned into the pro the Steelers hoped he would when they drafted him seven seasons ago. The big guy caught 41 passes for a 14-yard average and blocked well.

The offensive line underwent major changes in the last few years. It is still anchored by the finest center in the NFL, Mike Webster, and one of the league's most underrated players, tackle Larry Brown. The guards are young. Steve Courson has the potential to rank with the best in the league at his position. Craig Wolfley won a starting job last year, but he may have to beat out Tyrone McGriff, who played a lot toward the end of last season. Ray Pinney, who has played guard and center, is the other tackle. The reserves are neither as versatile nor as deep as they were in the Steelers' championship years.



Cornerbacks Mel Blount (#47) and Dwayne Woodruff (#49), linebacker Loren Toews (#51), running back Franco Harris (#32) and tackle Larry Brown (#79), and quarterback Terry Bradshaw (#12) of the Pittsburgh Steelers

Guard Sam Davis and tackle Jon Kolb retired, with Kolb getting a new job as strength coach.

Defensively, the Steelers have a nucleus of three Pro Bowl players, starting with middle linebacker Jack Lambert, still the most dominant defender in the NFL. He is still flanked by Jack Ham and Robin Cole, but Ham is not the all-pro-class linebacker he was a few seasons ago. Injuries in the last two years have eroded some of his skills. The question is, can he, at age 33, come back? Battling Loren Toews for work as the fourth linebacker—and possibly even challenging either Ham or Cole— is David Little, who played surprisingly well as a rookie last year. He's the brother of Larry Little, Miami's one-time great guard.

The Steelers, who had the weakest pass rush in the NFL in 1980, put some oomph into it last year and pushed their total to 40 sacks. There is still room for improvement and the line doesn't play the run nearly as well as it should, but there is promise.

John Goodman won a regular job at end in his second season. Bob Kohrs, who, like Goodman, spent his rookie year on injured reserve, made the most of his delayed start by playing at end and also as a rover, where he was an invaluable blitzer. Gary Dunn, a long-time reserve, bloomed as a starter and led the team with eight sacks. Kohrs had 5½. With Joe Greene retired,

Pitt's top draftee, Walt Abercrombie

Tom Beasley gets the other tackle job to himself. The five-year pro plays nose tackle when the Steelers use the three-man front. John Banaszak has been a dependable part-time starter at both end and tackle, and the hope is that he can be used mostly inside, to give the pass rush more explosion. L.C. Greenwood is far past his prime, but he may be used again as a part-time player.

Lambert's Pro Bowl companions were cornerback Mel Blount and strong safety Donnie Shell. Blount, a master at man-for-man defense who seldom gets beat deep, made his twelfth year one of his best. Shell makes the big plays and provides leadership in the secondary.

Blount's companion corner is likely to be Dwayne Woodruff, who started there last year, although second-year pro Anthony Washington, a tough guy, could provide a push. Converted corner Ron Johnson will challenge aging J.T. Thomas for the free-safety assignment. Johnson's principal skill is his hard-hitting, intimidating style, which became passé when the rule changes were made a few seasons ago. But Pittsburgh needs a change at free safety and he'll get every opportunity to show he can contribute.

There is trouble in the kicking game. Punter Craig Colquitt, one of the best in the NFL, suffered a torn Achilles' tendon in his right leg while playing in an offseason basketball game. His future is a puzzle. The Steelers drafted John Goodson of Texas, just to insure against a long recovery period for Colquitt. Noll picked rookie Bill Trout as the winner of a place-kicking contest against Matt Bahr on the basis of Trout's longer kickoffs. But Trout missed eight extra points, some of them vital, and was an inconsistent field goaler.

The draft brought an heir apparent for Franco Harris in Baylor's Walter Abercrombie, but then that's what was said about another Baylor back, Hawthorne. John Meyer of Arizona should win eventual work as an offensive tackle, and Mike Merriweather, a Pacific linebacker, might vie for the roster vacancy created by the trade of Dennis Winston to New Orleans.

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12	Bradshaw, Terry	QB	6-3	215	34	13	Louisiana Tech
79	Brown, Larry	OT	6-4	270	33	12	Kansas
56	Cole, Robin	LB	6-2	220	27	6	New Mexico
5	Colquitt, Craig	P	6-1	182	28	5	Tennessee
77	Courson, Steve	G	6-1	260	27	5	South Carolina
78	Cugliari, Joe	DT	6-3	270	24	1	Indiana (PA)
89	Cunningham, Bennie	TE	6-5	260	28	7	Clemson
45	Davis, Russell	RB	6-1	231	26	3	Michigan
63	Donnalley, Rick	C-G	6-2	247	24	1	North Carolina
67	Dunn, Gary	DT	6-3	260	29	6	Miami
48	Fedell, Steve	LB	6-2	238	25	1	Pitt
95	Goodman, John	DL	6-6	250	24	2	Oklahoma
68	Greenwood, L.C.	DE	6-6	250	36	14	Ark. AM & N
84	Grossman, Randy	TE	6-1	225	30	9	Temple
59	Ham, Jack	LB	6-1	225	34	12	Penn St.
32	Harris, Franco	RB	6-2	225	32	11	Penn St.
27	Hawthorne, Greg	RB	6-2	225	26	4	Baylor
43	Hinkle, Bryan	LB	6-1	214	23	1	Oregon
62	Ilkin, Tunch	OT	6-3	253	25	3	Indiana St.
29	Johnson, Ron	CB-S	5-10	200	26	5	E. Michigan
90	Kohrs, Bob	DE	6-3	245	24	2	Arizona St.
58	Lambert, Jack	LB	6-4	220	30	9	Kent St.
50	Little, David	LB	6-1	220	23	2	Florida
16	Malone, Mark	QB	6-4	223	24	3	Arizona St.
25	Martin, Ricky	WR	6-2	201	24	1	New Mexico
61	McGriff, Tyrone	G	6-0	267	24	3	Florida A & M
39	Moser, Rick	RB	6-0	210	26	5	Rhode Island
66	Petersen, Ted	OT	6-5	244	27	6	E. Illinois
74	Pinney, Ray	OT-C	6-4	256	28	6	Washington
44	Pollard, Frank	RB	5-10	210	25	3	Baylor
31	Shell, Donnie	S	5-11	190	30	9	S.C. St.
86	Smith, Jim	WR	6-2	205	27	6	Michigan
82	Stallworth, John	WR	6-2	191	30	9	Alabama A & M
18	Stoudt, Cliff	QB	6-4	218	27	6	Youngstown St.
88	Swann, Lynn	WR	6-0	180	30	9	Southern Cal
85	Sweeney, Calvin	WR	6-2	190	27	3	Southern Cal
24	Thomas, J.T.	S	6-2	196	31	9	Florida St.
38	Thornton, Sidney	RB	5-11	230	26	6	Northwest La.
51	Toews, Loren	LB	6-3	220	31	10	California
1	Trout, David	PK	5-6	165	25	2	Pitt
54	Valentine, Zack	LB	6-2	220	25	4	East Carolina
42	Washington, Anthony	CB	6-1	204	24	2	Fresno St.
52	Webster, Mike	C	6-1	255	30	9	Wisconsin
37	Wilson, Frank	TE-RB	6-2	233	24	1	Rice
73	Wolfley, Craig	G	6-1	265	24	3	Syracuse
49	Woodruff, Dwayne	CB-S	5-11	198	25	4	Louisville

DRAFTEES

rd	name	pos	ht	wt	age	college
1	Abercrombie, Walt	RB	5-11	201	22	Baylor
2	Meyer, John	OT	6-6	257	22	Arizona St.
3	Merriweather, Mike	LB	6-2	215	21	Pacific
4	Woods, Rick	S	6-0	196	22	Boise St.
5	Dallafior, Ken	OT	6-4	268	22	Minnesota
6	Perko, Mike	DT	6-3	241	25	Utah St.
6	Bingham, Craig	LB	6-2	211	22	Syracuse
7	Nelson, Edmund	DT	6-3	247	22	Auburn
7	Boures, Emil	C	6-1	262	22	Pittsburgh
8	Goodson, John	P	6-3	204	22	Texas
9	Hirn, Mike	TE	6-3	225	22	C. Michigan
10	Sunseri, Sal	LB	6-0	224	22	Pittsburgh
11	Abdul-Sorboor, Mikal	OG	6-2	261	22	Morgan St.
12	Hughes, Al	DE	6-3	238	22	W. Michigan

CLEVELAND BROWNS

In Cleveland, they are starting to believe in omens. For instance, when Brian Sipe stepped back in his protective pocket that Sunday afternoon in January, 1981, the Browns had a victory over the Oakland Raiders and entry into the AFC championship game right . . . there. All they needed was a field goal. But Sipe threw and Oakland's Mike Davis intercepted and the Browns haven't done much right since.

Sipe made another error, this one in diplomacy, after the end of the 1981 season, following the Browns' plummet to a 5-11 won-lost record.

"Instead of looking around the front office for a scapegoat," Sipe announced to the press, "I think the fans should look around the bars, where the players were enjoying the prestige of their 1980 division championship."

Sipe saw some good in the Browns' fall.

"I'm glad we didn't just miss the playoffs with a 9-7 record," he said. "Maybe now our players will realize what it takes to get there. If somebody reads this and takes offense, I say to him, 'if the shoe fits, wear it.' "

Tough stuff. No one knocked Sipe for accuracy, just for choosing the wrong forum. He alienated a lot of his veteran teammates with his comments, and there is a serious question about whether the breach can be patched up. To begin with, the Browns don't have great talent. When they won in 1979 and in 1980, a lot of it was on guile, character, and the leadership of coach Sam Rutigliano.

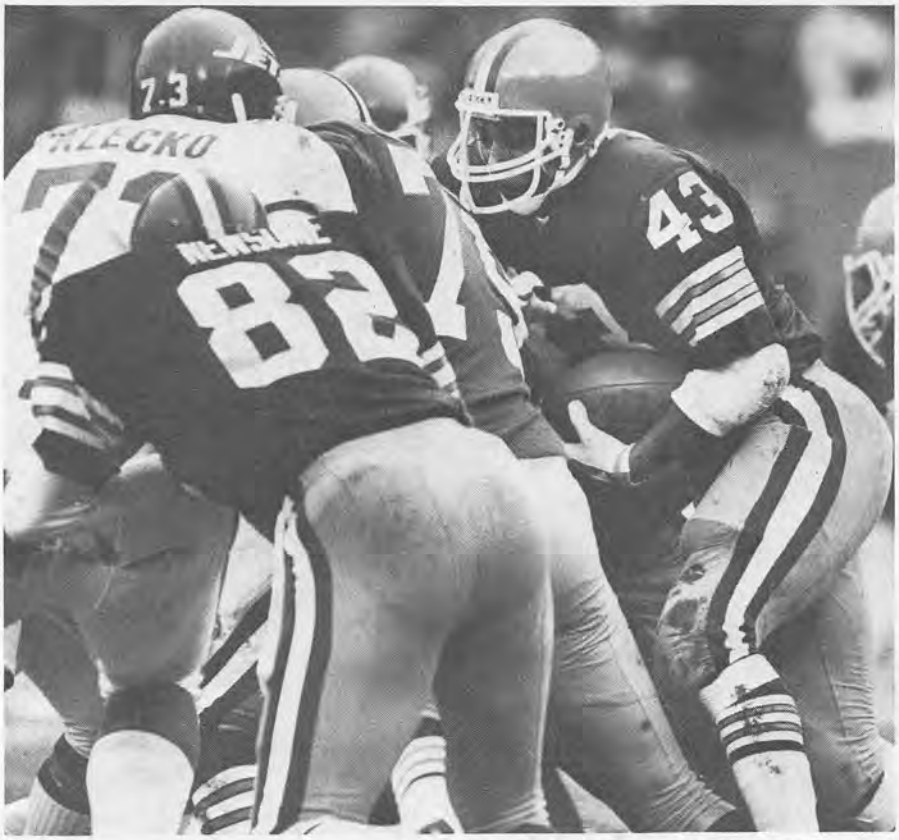
"Self-destruction is the best way I can describe our season," admits the coach.

The usual size-up of the Browns emphasizes the offensive punch and the defensive holes. But the truth is that Cleveland scored fewer than 17 points in 9 of 16 games last season. Ironically, one of those games was a 15-12 victory over Super Bowl champion San Francisco.

On paper, Cleveland still has some admirable offensive weapons, starting with Sipe himself. He passed for 3,876 yards in 1981, but his interceptions exceeded his touchdown passes, 25-17. His interception percentage, 4.4, was among the worst in the conference.

The offensive line still boasts three Pro Bowl caliber players: guard Joe DeLamielleure, center Tom DeLeone, and tackle Doug Dieken. The oldest is Dieken, 33, so the line should be good for a few more productive seasons.

That's Dave Logan of the Browns.



Cody Reisen, the other tackle, started all 16 games. Robert Jackson started 13 at guard, with Henry Sheppard starting the other three. When DeLeone was injured, Gerry Sullivan moved into the lineup and started the last eight games. Sullivan also plays tackle.

Mike Pruitt, one of the more reliable runners in the NFL, had another 1,000-yard season (1,103) and a 4.5-yard average and seven touchdowns. He also caught 63 passes, making him the busiest of the Browns' offensive players. The ground game is almost exclusively Pruitt, since Charles White, the ex-Heisman Trophy winner, had fewer than 100 carries and Cleo Miller had only 52.

The character of the passing game changed. The emphasis was on the tight end and backs, rather than on the wide receivers. Ozzie Newsome became the second Brown in history to catch more than 1,000 yards worth of passes. He caught 69 for 1,002, with six touchdowns. The 69 receptions for the big tight end was a team record. Kellen Winslow of San Diego and Dan Ross of Cincinnati were the only AFC tight ends to catch more passes than Newsome.

The second-ranked receiver was Greg Pruitt, who was used almost exclusively in passing situations. He was traded to Oakland in the spring. The Browns should get a lot more mileage out of Dave Logan, who caught 31 passes for a 16-yard average and four

Cleveland's Mike Pruitt rushed for over 1,000 yards last season.

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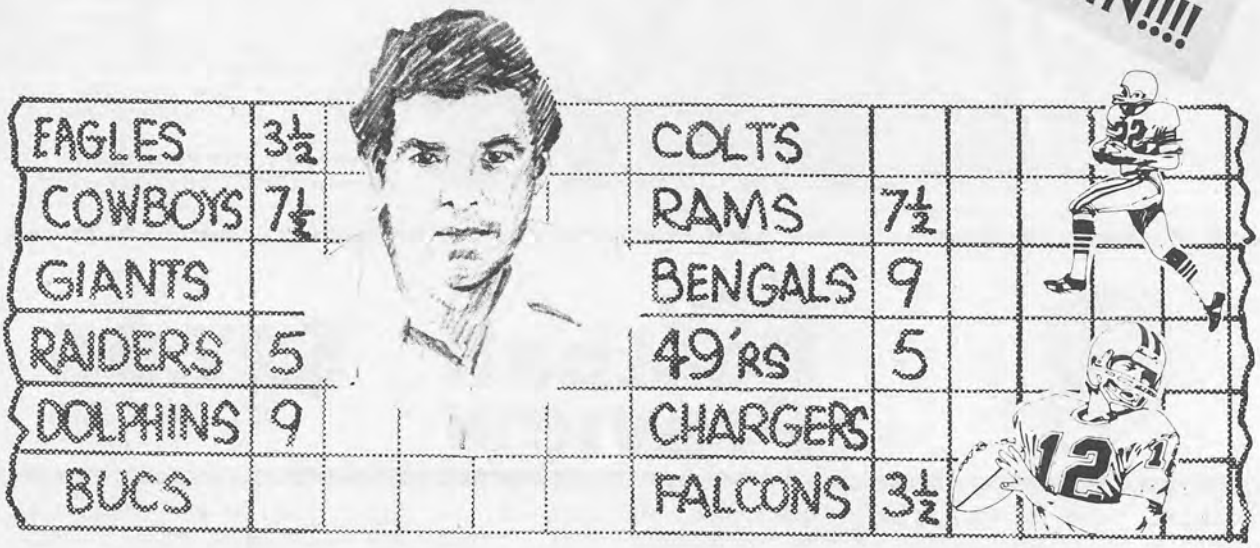

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touchdowns. Ricky Feacher moved ahead of Reggie Rucker, catching 29 passes for three touchdowns and an eye-catching 22.6-yard average.

Ex-Steeler Matt Bahr finally solved a place-kicking crisis, connecting 13 times in 20 field goal tries after arriving a third of the way through the season. He was true on all 22 extra points.

Defensively, owner Art Modell made a daring, aggressive move to help his team change course. He put together a $3.5 million package to sign free-agent linebacker Tom Cousineau, who had gone to Montreal after Buffalo made him the No. 1 pick in the 1979 draft. It cost Modell not only big money, but also three draft choices, including next year's No. 1, to get Cousineau from Buffalo, who had the right of last refusal when he returned from Canada.

1981 LEADERS AND AFC RANKINGS

SCORING—M. Bahr, 79 points on 15 field goals and 34 PAT's...T10th
RUSHING—M. Pruitt, 247 carries for 1,103 yards, 4.5 avg., 7 TD's...4th
PASSING—Sipe, 313 of 567 attempts for 3,876 yards, 17 TD's...11th
RECEIVING—Newsome, 69 receptions for 1,002 yards, 14.5 avg., 6 TD's...7th
INTERCEPTIONS—Scott, 4 for 46 yards, 11.5 avg...17th
PUNTING—Cox, 68 punts, 42.4 avg., longest 66 yards...4th
PUNT RETURNS—Hall, 33 for 248 yards, 7.5 avg...12th
KICKOFF RETURNS—Hall, 36 for 813 yards, 22.6 avg...7th

PRESEASON SCHEDULE

August	14	At Detroit (N)
	19	LOS ANGELES (N)
	28	At New Orleans (N)
September	4	At Oakland (N)

1982 SCHEDULE			1981 SCORES
September	12	At Seattle	21-42
	19	PHILADELPHIA	—
	27	CINCINNATI (N)	21-41
October	3	At Washington	—
	10	At Oakland	—
	17	BALTIMORE	42-28
	24	At Pittsburgh	7-13
	31	HOUSTON	3-9
November	7	NEW YORK GIANTS	—
	14	At Miami	—
	21	NEW ENGLAND	—
	25	At Dallas	—
December	5	SAN DIEGO	14-44
	12	At Cincinnati	20-17
	19	PITTSBURGH	10-32
	26	At Houston	13-17

Center Tom DeLeone (#54) and his line mates provide protection for Browns' quarterback Brian Sipe.

Cousineau should be worth it. He could be a linebacker in the Jack Lambert-Randy Gradishar class. In Canada he was voted the top defensive player in the Grey Cup game his rookie season. As an Alouette, he played on special teams and even lined up as a blocking wingback on short-yardage offensive plays. Since a linebacker is really a glorified cornerback in Canada's three-down game, Cousineau should be even more valuable in the NFL.

Careful to keep their 1982 No. 1 draft choice, the Browns used it to select another linebacker, Chip Banks of Southern Cal. Defensive coordinator Marty Schottenheimer can line up three first-round picks in his 3-4 set: Cousineau, Banks, and Clay Matthews. Rutigliano traded away a fourth No. 1, Robert L. Jackson, to the Broncos. Dick Ambrose is the other starter.

The question is, who rushes the passer up front? The question became even bigger when Lyle Alzado was traded to Oakland and Jerry Sherk retired. That leaves just nose tackle Henry Bradley and ends Marshall Harris, Elvis Franks, and Thomas Brown, hardly a threatening foursome. The No. 2 draft choice, Keith Baldwin of Texas A&M, is virtually assured of a starting job at defensive end. No other lineman was drafted; the expectation is that the Browns will trade before the season starts.

Considering the lack of talent up front, the defensive backfield made a reasonably good account of itself, although the 28 touchdown passes allowed by the Browns was the second-largest total in the AFC. (Baltimore allowed nine more.)

Hanford Dixon, breaking in as a rookie starter at cornerback, looked as if he could have a bright future. The other corner, Ron Bolton, keeps plugging along at age 32. Another veteran, 33-year-old Clarence Scott, is the strong safety, backed up by Judson Flint. Well-traveled Autry Beamon finished at free safety, but if Clinton Burrell can recover from an injury, he could force a change.

Punter Steve Cox performed a double chore. His punting average was an admirable 42.4 yards and his kickoffs (Bahr's weak point) reached the end zone 28 times in 60 tries.

The draft brought, in addition to Banks and Baldwin, Nicholls State wide receiver Dwight Walker, Texas center Mike Babb, and Texas A&M wide receiver Mike Whitwell.

Veteran Dick Ambrose (#52) will be joined at LB by top draft Chip Banks (below left); Carl Roaches (#85) had a 96-yard TD return for Oilers.

BROWNS VETERAN ROSTER

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Age	NFL Exp.	College
80	Adams, Willis	WR	6-2	194	26	4	Houston
52	Ambrose, Dick	LB	6-0	228	29	8	Virginia
9	Bahr, Matt	K	5-10	165	26	4	Penn St.
75	Bloch, Ray	T	6-7	255	23	1	Ohio U.
28	Bolton, Ron	CB	6-2	170	32	11	Norfolk St.
91	Bradley, Henry	DT	6-2	260	29	4	Alcorn St.
97	Brown, Thomas	DE	6-4	240	25	3	Baylor
49	Burrell, Clinton	S	6-1	192	26	3	LSU
	Cousineau, Tom	LB	6-2	225	25	R	Ohio St.
53	Cowher, Bill	LB	6-3	225	25	2	N.C. St.
15	Cox, Steve	P-K	6-4	195	24	2	Arkansas
21	Davis, Gary	RB	5-10	210	28	7	Cal Poly-SLO
64	DeLamielleure, Joe	G	6-3	245	31	10	Michigan St.
54	DeLeone, Tom	C	6-2	248	32	11	Ohio St.
73	Dieken, Doug	T	6-5	252	23	12	Illinois
29	Dixon, Hanford	CB	5-11	182	24	2	S. Mississippi
83	Feacher, Ricky	WR	5-10	174	28	7	Miss. Valley
20	Flint, Judson	CB	6-0	201	25	3	Memphis St.
94	Franks, Elvis	DE	6-4	238	23	3	Morgan St.
41	Friday, Larry	S	6-4	205	24	1	Miss. St.
86	Fulton, Dan	WR	6-2	186	26	3	Omaha
26	Hall, Dino	RB	5-7	165	27	4	Glassboro St.
90	Harris, Marshall	DE	6-6	261	27	3	TCU
58	Huther, Bruce	LB	6-1	220	28	6	New Hampshire
68	Jackson, Robert E.	G	6-5	260	29	8	Duke
51	Johnson, Eddie	LB	6-1	210	23	2	Louisville
48	Johnson, Lawrence	CB	5-11	204	25	3	Wisconsin
85	Logan, Dave	WR	6-4	216	28	7	Colorado
57	Matthews, Clay	LB	6-2	230	26	5	Southern Cal.
16	McDonald, Paul	QB	6-2	185	24	3	Southern Cal.
70	McGill, Kevin	T	6-7	262	24	1	Oregon
30	Miller, Cleo	RB	5-11	214	30	9	Pine Bluff
71	Miller, Matt	T	6-6	270	26	3	Colorado
82	Newsome, Ozzie	TE	6-2	232	26	5	Alabama
84	Oden, McDonald	TE	6-4	215	24	3	Tennessee St.
69	Patten, Joel	T	6-6	240	24	2	Duke
43	Pruitt, Mike	RB	6-0	225	28	7	Purdue
63	Risien, Cody	T	6-7	255	25	4	Texas A&M
92	Robinson, Mike	DE	6-4	260	26	2	Arizona
33	Rucker, Reggie	WR	6-2	190	35	13	Boston U.
22	Scott, Clarence	S	6-0	190	23	12	Kansas St.
65	Sheppard, Henry	G	6-6	263	30	7	SMU
17	Sipe, Brian	QB	6-1	195	33	9	San Diego St.
79	Sullivan, Gerry	C-T	6-4	250	30	9	Illinois
12	Trocano, Rick	QB	6-0	188	23	2	Pittsburgh
55	Weathers, Curtis	LB	6-5	220	26	4	Mississippi
25	White, Charles	RB	5-10	198	24	3	Southern Cal.

DRAFTEES

rd	name	pos	ht	wt	age	college
1	Banks, Chip	LB	6-4	233	23	Southern Cal
2	Baldwin, Keith	DE	6-4	245	22	Texas A&M
4	Walker, Dwight	RB/WR	5-10	185	23	Nicholls St.
5	Baab, Mike	C/G	6-4	270	23	Texas
6	Whitwell, Mike	WR/RB	6-0	175	24	Texas A&M
8	Kafentzis, Mark	S	5-10	185	24	Hawaii
8	Heflin, Van	TE	6-2	230	23	Vanderbilt
8	Jackson, Billy	S	6-1	202	22	North Carolina
9	Baker, Milton	TE	6-3	217	22	W. Texas St.
10	Floyd, Ricky	RB	5-9	174	22	S. Mississippi
11	Michuta, Steve	QB	6-3	201	22	Grand Valley
12	Nicolas, Scott	LB	6-3	226	22	Miami

HOUSTON OILERS

The Oilers are quickly taking on a pronounced personality: Earl Campbell vs. the world. The problem is that Earl shows definite signs of deterioration and Houston doesn't look as if it has added enough offensive help, nor does it look strong enough defensively to give him an occasional rescue.

There were four NFL runners—George Rogers of New Orleans, Tony Dorsett of Dallas, Billy Sims of Detroit, and Wilbert Montgomery of Philadelphia—who outgained Campbell in 1981. Ottis Anderson of St. Louis gained as much yardage, 1,376, as Earl in 31 fewer carries. William Andrews of Atlanta gained just 75 fewer yards in 71 fewer carries.

The Oilers finished 23rd in the NFL in ground gaining. Campbell's running mate, Adger Armstrong, rushed for just 146 yards in 31 carries. There were nine NFL quarterbacks who did better than that.

The Oilers have to do something about their passing game. Like the running attack, it ranked 23rd in the league. There is to be a change at quarterback. Kenny Stabler is finished in Houston. Gifford Nielsen, who was supposed to

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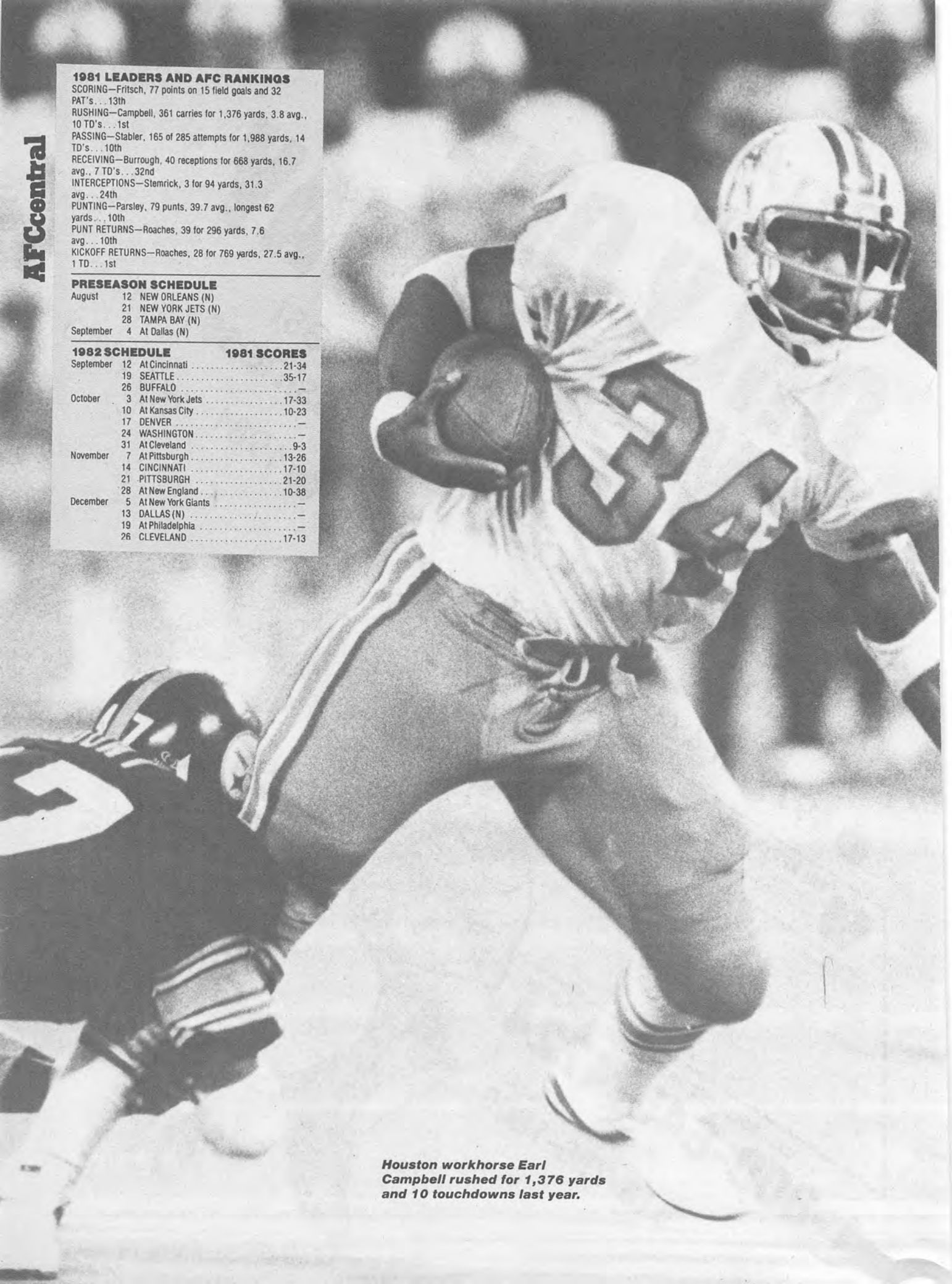
1981 LEADERS AND AFC RANKINGS

SCORING—Fritsch, 77 points on 15 field goals and 32 PAT's...13th
RUSHING—Campbell, 361 carries for 1,376 yards, 3.8 avg., 10 TD's...1st
PASSING—Stabler, 165 of 285 attempts for 1,988 yards, 14 TD's...10th
RECEIVING—Burrough, 40 receptions for 668 yards, 16.7 avg., 7 TD's...32nd
INTERCEPTIONS—Stemrick, 3 for 94 yards, 31.3 avg...24th
PUNTING—Parsley, 79 punts, 39.7 avg., longest 62 yards...10th
PUNT RETURNS—Roaches, 39 for 296 yards, 7.6 avg...10th
KICKOFF RETURNS—Roaches, 28 for 769 yards, 27.5 avg., 1 TD...1st

PRESEASON SCHEDULE

August	12	NEW ORLEANS (N)
	21	NEW YORK JETS (N)
	28	TAMPA BAY (N)
September	4	At Dallas (N)

1982 SCHEDULE			1981 SCORES
September	12	At Cincinnati	21-34
	19	SEATTLE	35-17
	26	BUFFALO	—
October	3	At New York Jets	17-33
	10	At Kansas City	10-23
	17	DENVER	—
	24	WASHINGTON	—
	31	At Cleveland	9-3
November	7	At Pittsburgh	13-26
	14	CINCINNATI	17-10
	21	PITTSBURGH	21-20
	28	At New England	10-38
December	5	At New York Giants	—
	13	DALLAS (N)	—
	19	At Philadelphia	—
	26	CLEVELAND	17-13



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be the starter last year, is his nominal heir, but coach Ed Biles was candid about his disappointment in the draft. "We had hoped to get Art Schlichter," he said.

Instead, the Oilers selected Oliver Luck, the West Virginia Rhodes Scholar candidate, in the second round. The book on Luck is that he does not have a great arm but that he is a winner.

There were 63 receivers in the NFL who caught more passes than Houston's top man, Ken Burrough, who led the team with 40. It's not that there isn't talent in this department. Burrough caught seven touchdown passes and averaged 16.7 yards a catch. Dave Casper, the tight end, caught eight touchdown passes and averaged 17.3 yards with his 33 receptions. Robert Holston made at least one all-rookie team by averaging 15.8 yards on his 27 catches after Mike Renfro got hurt.

Now that Mike Barber has been traded to Los

OILERS VETERAN ROSTER

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Age	NFL Exp.	College
39	Armstrong, Adger	RB	6-0	222	25	3	Texas A&M
11	Bailey, Harold	WR/KR	6-2	197	25	2	Okla. St.
75	Baker, Jesse	DE	6-5	266	25	4	J'ville St.
65	Bethea, Elvin	DE	6-2	254	36	15	N.C. A&T
54	Bingham, Gregg	LB	6-1	229	31	10	Purdue
	Bradley, Luther	DB	6-2	195	27	5	Notre Dame
52	Brazile, Robert	LB	6-4	237	29	8	Jackson St.
88	Brooks, Billy	WR	6-3	196	29	6	Oklahoma
00	Burrough, Ken	WR	6-3	215	34	12	Tex. Southern
34	Campbell, Earl	RB	5-11	237	27	5	Texas
58	Carter, David	OG/C	6-2	258	29	6	W. Kentucky
87	Casper, Dave	TE	6-4	249	30	9	Notre Dame
47	Coleman, Ronnie	RB	5-11	203	31	9	Alabama A&M
57	Corker, John	LB	6-5	240	24	3	Okla. St.
66	Davidson, Greg	C	6-2	249	24	3	N. Texas St.
69	Dorris, Andy	DE	6-4	262	31	10	New Mex. St.
78	Eyre, Nick	OT	6-5	276	23	2	BYU
77	Fields, Angelo	OT	6-6	319	25	3	Michigan St.
60	Fisher, Ed	OG	6-3	260	33	9	Arizona St.
16	Fritsch, Toni	K	5-7	201	37	11	None
44	Fowler, Delbert	LB	6-2	214	24	1	W. Virginia
	Gilbert, Lewis	TE	6-4	227	26	4	Florida
74	Gray, Leon	OT	6-3	258	31	10	Jackson St.
36	Hartwig, Carter	DB	6-0	205	26	4	Southern Cal
84	Holston, Mike	WR	6-3	184	24	2	Morgan St.
50	Hunt, Daryl	LB	6-3	234	26	4	Oklahoma
23	Jones, Larry	RB	5-10	184	23	1	Colorado St.
22	Kay, Bill	DB	6-1	190	22	2	Purdue
71	Kennard, Ken	MG	6-2	258	28	6	Angelo St.
79	Mathews, Claude	MG	6-2	254	24	1	Auburn
14	Nielsen, Gifford	QB	6-4	210	28	5	BYU
18	Parsley, Cliff	P	6-1	223	28	6	Oklahoma St.
32	Perry, Vernon	SS	6-2	210	29	4	Jackson St.
37	Reinfeldt, Mike	WS	6-2	196	29	8	Wisconsin (Mlk)
72	Renfro, Mike	WR	6-0	184	27	5	TCU
53	Riley, Avon	LB	6-3	211	23	2	UCLA
85	Roaches, Carl	WR/KR	5-8	165	29	3	Texas A&M
62	Schuhmacher, John	OG	6-3	266	27	4	Southern Cal.
90	Skaugstad, Daryle	MG	6-5	254	25	2	Cal-Berkeley
83	Smith, Tim	WR	6-2	192	25	3	Nebraska
12	Stabler, Ken	QB	6-3	210	37	13	Alabama
27	Stemrick, Greg	CB	5-11	185	31	8	Colorado St.
67	Stensrud, Mike	DE	6-5	280	26	4	Iowa St.
56	Stringer, Art	LB	6-2	223	28	5	Ball St.
28	Thomaselli, Rich	RB	6-1	196	25	2	W. Va. Wesleyan
51	Thompson, Ted	LB	6-1	229	29	8	SMU
76	Towns, Morris	OL	6-5	251	28	6	Missouri
20	Tullis, Willie	DB/KR	6-0	190	24	2	Troy St.
59	Washington, Ted	LB	6-2	248	34	10	Miss. Valley
68	Williams, Ralph	OT	6-3	270	24	1	Southern
33	Wilson, J.C.	CB	6-0	178	26	5	Pittsburgh
45	Wilson, Tim	RB	6-3	230	27	6	Maryland

DRAFTEES

rd	name	pos	ht	wt	age	college
1	Munchak, Mike	OL	6-3	257	22	Penn St.
2	Luck, Oliver	QB	6-2	190	22	West Virginia
3	Edwards, Stanley	FB	6-0	208	22	Michigan
3	Abraham, Robert	LB	6-1	212	22	N.C. St.
4	Bryant, Steve	WR	6-2	185	23	Purdue
5	Taylor, Malcolm	DT	6-6	250	22	Tenn. St.
6	Allen, Gary	RB	5-10	175	22	Hawaii
9	Bradley, Matt	DS	6-1	219	22	Penn St.
10	Reeves, Ron	QB	6-2	215	22	Texas Tech
11	Campbell, Jim	TE	6-3	230	23	Kentucky
12	Craft, Donnie	RB	6-0	195	23	Louisville

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Angeles, Casper has the position all to himself, and he might flourish with efficient quarterbacking. Lewis Gilbert, acquired from the Rams in the Barber deal, is strictly a blocker. The draft brought one good wide receiver prospect, Steve Bryant of Purdue, who was one of Mark Herrmann's favorite receivers in college. Stan Edwards, who played in the shadow of Butch Woolfolk at Michigan, will vie to start alongside Campbell. He knows how to block.

While Biles lamented the failure to draft Schlichter, the man the Oilers did select in Round 1 could, in the opinion of many scouts, turn out to be one of the two best players in the 1982 draft. He's Penn State guard Mike Munchak, a fiery, street-fighter type who should open some wide holes for Campbell.

The only offensive lineman of high quality on the veterans' roster is tackle Leon Gray. Carl Mauck, the long-time center, retired and was added to the coaching staff. Handyman David Carter is now the center, with Ed Fisher and John Schumacher the incumbent guards. Tackle Willie Towns could be challenged by Nick Eyre, a high draft choice last year. Eyre spent most of last season on injured reserve.

The Oilers need more imagination in their attack, too, since they scored 13 points or fewer in six games. Lining up Campbell in the I-formation is just too predictable. A lot of last year's offense came from place-kicker Toni Fritsch, who hit 15 field goals in 22 tries.

There was a time when defense pulled the Oilers out of a variety of pickles. No more. Or at least seldom does it happen now. The tipoff that Houston knew it was in trouble in that phase of the game came when owner Bud Adams made an enormous offer to linebacker Tom Cousineau, who became free from his Canadian League contract with Montreal. Adams's offer was a $1 million bonus and five years guaranteed at $500,000 a year.

Ironically, that drove Cousineau into the uniform of a division rival. Since Buffalo was the team which originally drafted Cousineau, it was allowed the right to match Houston's offer. It did, and then traded him to Cleveland. Cousineau would have come in handy. Houston finished 24th among the 28 NFL teams in defense against the run. The Oilers were 17th against the pass. The opposition averaged 4.5 yards each time it ran the ball against them.

There are some good players remaining. Robert Brazile is still an all-pro-class outside linebacker. Opponents are reluctant to test him. Gregg Bingham still brings the frenzied style to inside linebacker. He is still the most reliable stopper inside, the team's leading tackler by far. Vernon Perry remains among the best strong safeties in the NFL.

At end, Elvin Bethea lines up for his 15th season at the age of 36. Andy Dorris in on the other side. Ken Kennard is not the nose tackle that Curly Culp was, but he does a workmanlike job. When it's time for the other guys to pass, Jesse Baker and Mike Stensrud are brought in. Baker had ten sacks last year and pressured the quarterback on 23 other occasions. Stensrud had four sacks and 23 pressures.

The other outside backer, Ted Washington, is not the blitzer he once was. Art Stringer is the nominal starter inside, next to Bingham, but he's been cursed by injuries. North Carolina State's Robert Abraham could work in there somewhere. Daryle Hunt and Ted Thompson are others with experience. John Corker was hurt most of last season.

Perry is the best of the defensive backs. Free safety Mike Reinfeldt started all 16 games, but he was nowhere near the ball hawk he had been in recent seasons. The cornerbacks, Greg Stemrick and J.C. Wilson, would benefit from a more robust pass rush. Two deep backs, Matt Bradley of Penn State and Ron Reeves (a quarterback) of Texas Tech, were drafted, but both are likely safeties. Bradley, in fact, is built along linebacker specifications.

Punter Cliff Parsley had a so-so year, averaging 39.7 yards. The Oilers' special teams were distinguished by the kickoff-return pair of Carl Roaches and Willie Tullis. Roaches averaged 27.5 yards, best in the AFC. Tullis averaged 24.3. Each returned a kickoff for a touchdown, Roaches for 96 yards and Tullis for 95.

Linebackers Gregg Bingham and Ted Washington make another stop (below); Carter Hartwig pressures Steve Cox on the punt; quarterback Oliver Luck (right), formerly of West Virginia

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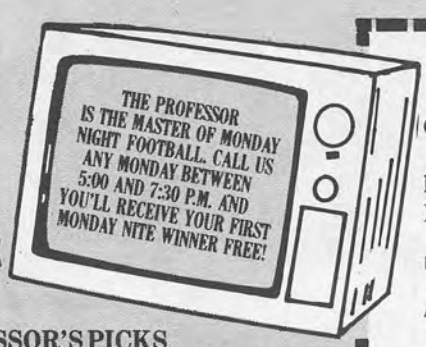

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SAN DIEGO CHARGERS

The Chargers are thawed out now. Even they wondered if they ever would, following their deep-freeze loss to Cincinnati in the last AFC championship game. All that game proved is that San Diego does not function well in arctic conditions. Put them in a situation where the temperature allows them to play offense without steam rising from their huddle and who knows how far they'll go?

The Chargers did a lot to dismiss the old doubts about serious character flaws by winning one of the greatest of all playoff games against Miami in the semifinal.

The question remains: Just how far can this team go? For the last two seasons, the Chargers have been eliminated by a Super Bowl team. In 1980 it was Oakland, with an opening burst which the Chargers could not overcome. Last year it was Cincinnati, and the tundra which was Riverfront Stadium.

San Diego is still a team which wins on offense. Defense, with the Chargers, remains a troublesome flaw. To correct that, to bring the defensive unit to the reasonable level, Tom Bass was hired. He comes from Tampa Bay, where he molded a defense which brought the Buccaneers respectability and a playoff position. He is San Diego's third defensive boss in the last three seasons. He succeeds Jack Pardee, who resigned to start a new career.

The Chargers insist Pardee wasn't forced out, as Jacki Simpson was the year before. But the fact is that the ex-Washington and Chicago head coach was expected to bring the San Diego defense to the point where it would not be such a handicap. It didn't happen. There was pressure on Pardee from the start and he had to junk some personnel moves with which he started the season.

The big question with Bass is whether he will institute the 3-4 defense, which was so successful for him in Tampa Bay. The one defensive strength the Chargers have had is the line, with veteran tackles Louie Kelcher and Gary Johnson, plus end Leroy Jones. The team has been linebacker poor and, before Bass was hired, a trade was made with the Bucs to obtain Dave Lewis, who was a Pro Bowl linebacker two years ago. The catch is that Lewis became expendable in Tampa Bay because he was not getting along with Bass.

The good news is that the Chargers now have won three consecutive division championships, which puts them in the company of the Dallas and Pittsburgh teams of the late 1970's. No other club has been that consistent in these days of parity.

There is something else consistent about them: they have a terrific finishing kick. Last year, when it seemed they were bogged down going into the stretch, they won four of their last five games. The season before, they won five of their last six. In 1979, they won six of their last seven. Since the second half of the 1978 season, San Diego has the second-best winning percentage in the NFL. Only Dallas has won more consistently.

For the reasons, start with Don Coryell's offense and the man in charge of executing it, quarterback Dan Fouts. He passed for a staggering 4,802 yards and 33 touchdowns last year. His completion percentage was 59.1.

Larrye Weaver, a San Diego coach since 1977, took over the Charger offense last year.

"I never knew how tough, physically and mentally, [Fouts] was until I started working with him," admits Weaver.

Wes Chandler, who came to San Diego in a trade last year, says of Fouts: "He's a fantastic quarterback." Chandler became a Charger after owner Gene Klein reached a contract impasse with star receiver John Jefferson—something which is becoming a San Diego tradition. The same thing happened with the Chargers and star defensive end Fred Dean.

1981 LEADERS AND AFC RANKINGS

SCORING—Muncie, 114 points on 19 touchdowns . . . 3rd
RUSHING—Muncie, 251 carries for 1,144 yards, 4.6 avg., 19 TD's . . . 2nd
PASSING—Fouts, 360 of 609 attempts for 4,802 yards, 33 TD's . . . T2nd
RECEIVING—Winslow, 88 receptions for 1,075 yards, 12.2 avg., 10 TD's . . . 1st
INTERCEPTIONS—Buchanon, 5 for 31 yards, 6.2 avg . . . 11th
PUNTING—Roberts, 62 punts, 41.0 avg., longest 61 yards . . . 6th
PUNT RETURNS—Brooks, 22 for 290 yards, 13.2 avg . . . 1st
KICKOFF RETURNS—Brooks, 40 for 949 yards, 23.7 avg . . . 5th

PRESEASON SCHEDULE

August	16	CHICAGO (N)
	21	DALLAS (N)
	28	SAN FRANCISCO (N)
September	4	At Los Angeles (N)

1982 SCHEDULE			1981 SCORES
September	12	At Denver	24-42
	19	At Kansas City	42-31
	26	OAKLAND	35-10
October	3	At Atlanta	—
	10	SEATTLE	24-10
	17	KANSAS CITY	22-20
	24	At Seattle	23-44
	31	LOS ANGELES	—
November	8	At Miami (N)	—
	14	NEW ORLEANS	—
	22	At Oakland (N)	53-21
	28	DENVER	34-17
December	5	At Cleveland	44-14
	11	At San Francisco	—
	20	CINCINNATI (N)	17-40
	26	BALTIMORE	43-14

Chandler, acquired from New Orleans after the season began, caught 52 passes for five touchdowns and a 16.5-yard average. Those are excellent statistics, but they ranked Wes just third on the pass-happy Chargers. Ahead of him were tight end Kellen Winslow, with 88 catches, 1,075 yards, and ten touchdowns; and wide receiver Charlie Joiner, with 70 catches, 1,188 yards, a 17-yard average, and seven touchdowns.

Winslow became a young legend in the overtime playoff victory against Miami. Not only did he catch 13 passes for 166 yards, many of them in vital situations, but he blocked one field goal and harassed Miami's Uwe von Schamann into missing another. Hurt and exhausted, he left the field several times, only to return to play an important role.

The San Diego running game was vastly improved, with Chuck Muncie running for 1,144 yards, a 4.6-yard average, and 19 touchdowns, which tied an NFL record. The problem was that Muncie lost the ball at inopportune times. "Up-Chuck" became the distress signal for the Chargers.

Coryell's No. 1 draft choice in 1981 was almost a luxury he couldn't afford. James Brooks, the swift, hard-charging halfback from Auburn, ran for 525 yards, caught 46 passes, averaged 13.2 yards on punt returns and 23.7 yards on kickoff returns. He also caught the tying touchdown pass against Miami in the playoffs. But San Diego probably would have made a sounder move by drafting a defensive player, particularly a back.

The San Diego offensive line did its usual yeoman job, blocking well for the run and allowing Fouts to be sacked only 19 times. But age is still a bothersome factor for this bunch. Three of the starters—tackle Russ Washington and guards Ed White and Doug Wilkerson—are 35. That's a lot of age considering the pounding pro linemen absorb. The other starters, Don Macek and Bill Shields, are much younger, but the three oldies are the heart of the line.

The Charger kicking game is in good shape. Place-kicker Rolf Benirschke was a robust 19 for 26 in field-goal attempts, including 9 for 9 inside the 30-yard line. Now Benirschke is free from the intestinal disorder which cursed him the last three years. Punter George Roberts, acquired from Miami, averaged 41 yards and dropped 16 punts within the 20-yard line.

Brooks led the AFC in punt returns, but the Chargers also get help from Chandler, who returned a punt for 56 yards and a touchdown in the playoff against Miami. His five returns during the regular season averaged 15.8 yards.

The Chargers virtually forfeited their draft to improve their defense. They followed up the deal for Lewis by acquiring another Tampa Bay linebacker, Dewey Selmon, who is strong on brains and leadership if a little weak in covering passes; and one of the better free safeties in

Tight end Kellen Winslow (#80), defensive tackle Gary Johnson (#79), quarterback Dan Fouts (#14), and running back James Brooks (right) propel the San Diego Chargers.

CHARGERS VETERAN ROSTER

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Age	NFL Exp.	College
92	Ackerman, Rich	DT	6-4	260	23	1	Memphis St.
37	Bauer, Hank	RB	5-11	204	28	6	Cal Lutheran
45	Beaudoin, Doug	SS	6-0	190	28	7	Minnesota
42	Bell, Ricky	RB	6-2	220	27	6	Southern Cal
6	Benirschke, Rolf	K	6-1	178	27	6	Cal Davis
	Bledsoe, Morris	QB	6-1	195	24	R	Weber St.
	Bolar, Terry	LB	6-4	245	28	1	Long Beach St.
50	Bradley, Carlos	LB	6-1	221	22	2	Wake Forest
21	Brooks, James	RB	5-9	180	24	2	Auburn
28	Buchanon, Willie	CB	6-1	185	32	11	San Diego St.
25	Cappelletti, John	FB	6-1	224	30	8	Penn St.
89	Chandler, Wes	WR	5-11	186	26	5	Florida
77	Claphan, Sam	T	6-6	267	26	2	Oklahoma
73	DeJurnett, Charles	DT	6-4	260	30	6	San Jose St.
8	Duckworth, Bobby	WR	6-3	198	24	1	Arkansas
47	Duncan, Frank	SS	6-1	188	26	4	SF St.
48	Ellis, Allan	CB	5-10	177	31	9	UCLA
76	Ferguson, Keith	DE	6-5	240	23	2	Ohio St.
81	Fitzkee, Scott	WR	6-0	187	25	4	Penn St.
14	Fouts, Dan	QB	6-3	204	31	10	Oregon
	Fox, Tim	FS	5-11	190	28	7	Ohio St.
75	Gissinger, Drew	T	6-4	280	23	1	Syracuse
43	Gregor, Bob	FS	6-2	187	25	2	Wash St.
12	Harris, James	QB	6-3	221	35	13	Grambling
32	Henderson, Wyatt	CB	5-10	180	26	2	Fresno St.
65	Hendrix, Brad	G	6-4	257	25	1	N. Alabama
89	Holohan, Pete	TE	6-4	226	23	2	Notre Dame
55	Horn, Bob	MLB	6-4	230	28	7	Oregon St.
79	Johnson, Gary	DT	6-3	252	29	8	Grambling
18	Joiner, Charlie	WR	5-11	183	35	14	Grambling
68	Jones, Leroy	DE	6-8	271	32	7	Norfolk St.
	Jones, Ronald	DB	6-2	205	24	R	Long Beach St.
	Justin, Tyrone	DB	5-10	174	24	R	Fullerton St.
74	Kelcher, Louie	DT	6-5	282	29	8	SMU
57	King, Linden	LB	6-4	237	27	5	Colorado St.
	Laird, Bruce	SS	6-1	194	32	11	American Int.
54	Laslavic, Jim	MLB	6-2	229	31	9	Penn St.
58	Lewis, David	LB	6-4	240	28	6	Southern Cal
64	Loewen, Chuck	G-T	6-3	259	25	3	South Dakota
51	Lowe, Woodrow	LB	6-0	227	28	7	Alabama
11	Luther, Ed	QB	6-2	211	25	3	San Jose St.
62	Macek, Don	C	6-2	253	28	7	Boston College
	Martin, Derrick	CB	5-11	185	25	R	San Jose St.
	McKnight, Dennis	C-G	6-2	260	23	1	Drake
46	Muncie, Chuck	RB	6-3	218	29	8	California
	Nelson, Derrie	LB	6-2	225	24	R	Nebraska
23	Phillips, Irvin	CB	6-1	192	22	2	Arkansas Tech
52	Preston, Ray	LB	6-0	218	28	7	Syracuse
4	Roberts, George	K	6-0	186	28	5	Virginia Tech
56	Rush, Bob	C-T	6-5	264	27	6	Memphis St.
87	Scales, Dwight	WR	6-2	185	29	6	Grambling
	Selmon, Dewey	LB	6-1	240	29	6	Oklahoma
44	Shaw, Pete	SS	5-10	183	28	6	Northwestern
66	Shields, Billy	T	6-8	275	29	8	Georgia Tech
	Siemon, Jeff	LB	6-3	237	32	11	Stanford
85	Sievers, Eric	TE	6-4	235	25	2	Maryland
59	Thrift, Cliff	MLB	6-2	232	26	4	E. Central Okla.
70	Washington, Russ	T	6-7	288	36	15	Missouri
61	Webb, Jimmy	DT	6-5	252	30	8	Mississippi St.
67	White, Ed	G	6-2	271	35	14	California
35	Whitman, Steve	LB	6-3	231	25	1	Alabama
63	Wilkerson, Doug	G	6-3	254	35	13	N.C. Central
40	Williams, Clarence	FB	5-10	185	27	6	South Carolina
72	Williams, Jeff	G-T	6-4	260	27	5	Rhode Island
29	Williams, Mike	CB	5-10	179	29	8	LSU
80	Winslow, Kellen	TE	6-5	242	25	4	Missouri
90	Woodcock, John	DE	6-3	255	28	6	Hawaii
99	Young, Wilbur	DT	6-6	290	33	12	Wm. Penn

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7	Hall, Hollis	DB	6-1	215	22	Clemson
8	Buford, Maury	P	6-0	180	22	Texas Tech
9	Lyles, Warren	DT	6-2	255	22	Alabama
10	Young, Andre	DB	6-0	200	22	La. Tech.
11	Watson, Anthony	DB	6-0	190	22	New Mexico St.

Defensive tackle Louie Kelcher is a source of strength for the Chargers.

the NFL, Tim Fox of New England (as well as another running back of skill and tarnished reputation, Ricky Bell of the Bucs). Later, they traded for two more veteran players, Baltimore strong safety Bruce Laird and Minnesota linebacker Jeff Siemon. That's a signal that Coryell is gearing up for one, grand Super Bowl push.

Fox is an addition of vital importance. He is a Pro Bowl player on a team which often appears rudderless on pass defense. The only Charger who started all 16 games last year was cornerback Willie Buchanon. Fox tackled like a linebacker for the Pats, which should add something to San Diego's anti-run defense. Pete Shaw, who moved over from free to strong safety, should be Fox's partner. Mike Williams is another veteran corner, but he could be pushed by young Irvin Phillips.

The brightest news in the linebacking corps, other than the addition of Lewis and Selmon, was the work of converted strong safety Linden King. He led the team in tackles, 165, from his position on the left side. Woodrow Lowe, a long-time starter, can be a bulldog despite his lack of size. The Chargers do not have a major-league middle linebacker.

Losing star defensive end Fred Dean to the San Francisco 49ers in a salary dispute was a black mark against the front office, but it salvaged something by trading with Detroit for holdout defensive end John Woodcock. Activated in the fifth game, Woodcock contributed nine sacks.

DENVER BRONCOS

Denver is the one great imponderable in the AFC West. One reason is that the Broncos have a superb defense and, with defense, anything is possible in the NFL. The other reason is Craig Morton, the oldest player in the league, who had one of the best seasons of his 17-year career just at the time when most people thought he was washed up.

Morton is nearly immobile, as everyone knows. He was sacked 54 times last year. He probably doesn't have as much zing to his passes as he once did. But look what he did in 1981: 3,195 passing yards, a Bronco record; 225 completions, a personal high; 21 touchdown passes, tying his personal career best.

Just how long Morton can continue is a question which might nag head coach Dan Reeves daily in 1982. But with the Broncos so close to the top in the AFC West, Reeves can hardly afford to strike out in a new direction, either with journeyman quarterback Steve DeBerg or young Mark Herrmann, who didn't play at all as a rookie.

The Broncos finished with a 10-6 won-lost record, identical to San Diego's. But the Chargers won the division championship on the tie-breaking procedure. They were 6-2 in the division to Denver's 5-3. The tie-breaker would have been academic had not the Chicago Bears put an uncharacteristic 35 points on the scoreboard against the Broncos' rugged defense, stunning Denver and ending its playoff hopes on the final Sunday.

"We made a lot of progress last year," said Reeves of his first season as head coach, "but a lot remains to be done."

Some of what remained to be done was to improve the offensive balance. That might have come about on draft day. The Broncos used their first-round selection to take Gerald Willhite of San Jose State, a speedy, breakaway back, which is one of the elements they have needed for a long time. That was followed by the selection of two wide receivers, Orlando McDaniel of LSU and Don Plater of Brigham Young, who could help take some heat off Morton's most prominent target, wide receiver Steve Watson, who had a remarkable season in 1981.

Watson, considered a capable fill-in during his first two pro seasons, became much more than that last year. He caught 60 passes, gained 1,244 yards, which was a team record and led the AFC, and also scored 13 touchdowns. He had two touchdown receptions of more than 90 yards, five-100-yard games, and a string of five games in which he scored at least one touchdown. Selected to the Pro Bowl, Watson also averaged 20.7 yards on each catch. He can expect suffocating coverage in 1982, which is one reason McDaniel and Plater were drafted. Rick Upchurch was something of a disappointment as Watson's partner, with just 32 receptions. He averaged 17.2 yards and scored three times, playing with an injury.

Reeves hoped that Tony Reed, acquired from Kansas City last year, might be the breakaway guy he needed, but Reed averaged just 2.3 yards and his long run was just ten yards. The Broncos had better luck with plow-horse types. Rick Parros led the team with 749 yards as a rookie. Rob Preston gained 640 and caught 52 passes. Willhite should balance off well with them. Rob Lytle and Larry Canada are available for short-yardage stuff.

Tight end Riley Odoms is 32, but he came back with a big season in 1981, catching vital possession passes, 38 of them, and scoring five touchdowns. Ron Egloff is used frequently as the double tight end, but Clay Brown, a better receiver, might work himself in. Last year's second-round draft choice, Brown spent the year on injured reserve.

Despite the high number of sacks allowed, 61, the offensive line is reliable and should get

1981 LEADERS AND AFC RANKINGS

SCORING—Steinfort, 87 points on 17 field goals and 36 PAT's...8th
RUSHING—Parros, 176 carries for 749 yards, 4.3 avg., 2 TD's...12th
PASSING—Morton, 225 of 376 attempts for 3,195 yards, 21 TD's...T2nd
RECEIVING—Watson, 60 receptions for 1,244 yards, 20.7 avg., 13 TD's...13th
INTERCEPTIONS—Foley, 5 for 81 yards, 16.2 avg...8th
PUNTING—Prestridge, 86 punts, 40.4 avg., longest 67 yards...9th
PUNT RETURNS—Manning, 41 for 378 yards, 9.2 avg...6th
KICKOFF RETURNS—Manning, 26 for 514 yards, 19.8 avg...17th

PRESEASON SCHEDULE

August	14	At Los Angeles (N)
	21	MIAMI (N)
	28	MINNESOTA (N)
September	4	At NY Jets (East Rutherford, N)

1982 SCHEDULE			1981 SCORES
September	12	SAN DIEGO	42-24
	19	SAN FRANCISCO	—
	26	At New Orleans	—
October	3	PITTSBURGH	—
	10	At New York Jets	—
	17	At Houston	—
	24	OAKLAND	9-7
	31	BUFFALO	7-9
November	7	At Seattle	10-13
	14	At Kansas City	14-28
	21	SEATTLE	23-13
	28	At San Diego	17-34
December	5	ATLANTA	—
	12	At Los Angeles	—
	19	KANSAS CITY	16-13
	26	At Oakland	17-0

better once it becomes more accustomed to Reeves's new system. The experience is there. Guards Tom Glassic and Paul Howard, tackles Claudie Minor and Dave Studdard, and center Bill Bryan have been together as a unit for three years. There are solid reserves in Glenn Hyde, Kelvin Clark, Ken Lanier, and Keith Bishop.

Fred Steinfort was the top field goaler in the NFL in 1980, but he slumped badly at the start of last season, connecting only five times in 15 tries. He finished with a 12-for-14 streak, however, including his final four of the season. Luke Prestridge, the AFC's leading punter in 1981, slumped to a net average of 34.8 yards last year. He may be in for a challenge. The return work is potentially explosive, with Upchurch and Wade Manning.

Defensively, the Broncos have the guns to play with anyone. Three Denver defenders—inside linebacker Randy Gradishar, outside linebacker Bob Swenson, and strong safety Bill Thompson—went to the Pro Bowl. The defense as a whole did not allow a touchdown in three games and in each of five others it allowed only one. The only disturbing note was that when Denver lost three of its last five games to drop out of playoff contention, the opposition scored more than 30 points in each game.

The Broncos' offense couldn't be blamed for that. Denver led the league in ball control, holding possession for an average of 32 minutes, 27 seconds a game.

The Broncos still operate, essentially, with two lines. The starters are nose tackle Rubin Carter and ends Rulon Jones and Barney Chavous. Jones led the team with 9½ sacks. The second unit has Don Latimer at nose tackle, with Brison Manor and Greg Boyd at ends. Reeves says that Chavous "probably plays the run and pass as well as any end I've ever been around."

Wide receiver Steve Watson and running back Rick Parros of the Broncos

Joe Collier, the Broncos' highly-respected defensive coordinator, is able to use a number of defensive wrinkles because of the versatility of his backers. Gradishar is dominant against the run and plays the pass very well. Swenson and Tom Jackson, the other outside backer, can be murderous blitzers. Larry Evans teams with Gradishar inside, but the Broncos traded for Cleveland's Robert Jackson. Collier can use the ex-Brown, who does not play the pass well, in speciality situations against the run.

The key may be to keep this bunch as healthy as it was last year. Of the six defensive linemen, only one player missed one game. The starting linebackers played every game.

One of the reasons for the late-season sag may have been the calf injury suffered by cornerback Louis Wright, one of the best coverage men in the NFL. Wright missed the last eight games, which invited the opposition to take liberties it might not have taken with Louis in the lineup. His replacement, Perry Smith, also

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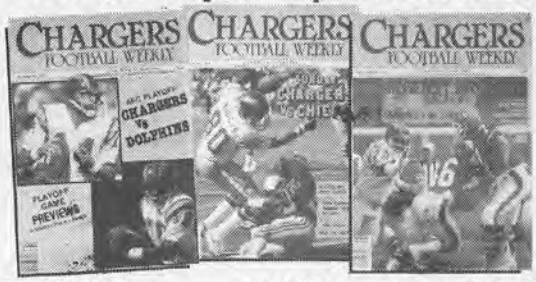

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54	Bishop, Keith	C/G	6-3	260	25	2	Baylor
77	Boyd, Greg	DE	6-6	280	29	5	San Diego St.
	Braswell, Matt	OL	6-2	255	22	1	Georgia
	Brown, Clay	TE	6-2	223	22	1	BYU
64	Bryan, Bill	C	6-2	244	27	6	Duke
58	Busick, Steve	LB	6-4	227	24	2	USC
35	Canada, Larry	RB	6-2	226	28	4	Wisconsin
68	Carter, Rubin	DT	6-0	253	30	8	Miami
79	Chavous, Barney	DE	6-3	245	31	10	S.C. St.
73	Clark, Kelvin	T	6-3	245	26	4	Nebraska
	Davis, Tom	OL	6-2	240	27	1	Nebraska
17	DeBerg, Steve	QB	6-2	205	28	6	San Jose St.
85	Egloff, Ron	TE	6-5	227	27	6	Wisconsin
56	Evans, Larry	LB	6-2	220	29	7	Miss. Col.
43	Foley, Steve	S	6-2	190	29	7	Tulane
62	Glassic, Tom	G	6-3	250	28	7	Virginia
53	Gradishar, Randy	LB	6-2	231	30	9	Ohio St.
31	Harden, Mike	S	6-1	190	24	3	Michigan
10	Herrmann, Mark	QB	6-4	184	23	2	Purdue
60	Howard, Paul	G	6-3	260	32	9	BYU
65	Hyde, Glenn	C/G	6-3	252	31	7	Pittsburgh
	Jackson, Robert L.	LB	6-1	230	28	5	Texas A&M
57	Jackson, Tom	LB	5-11	228	31	10	Louisville
75	Jones, Rulon	DE	6-6	260	24	3	Utah St.
22	Kyle, Aaron	CB	5-11	185	28	7	Wyoming
76	Lanier, Ken	T	6-3	269	23	2	Florida St.
72	Latimer, Don	DT	6-2	253	27	5	Miami
41	Lytle, Rob	RB	5-11	195	28	6	Michigan
83	Manning, Wade	WR/KR	5-11	190	27	3	Ohio St.
66	Manor, Brison	DE	6-4	248	30	6	Arkansas
59	Merrill, Mark	LB	6-4	240	27	4	Minnesota
71	Minor, Claudie	T	6-4	275	31	9	San Diego St.
7	Morton, Craig	QB	6-4	211	39	18	California
88	Odoms, Riley	TE	6-4	235	32	11	Houston
24	Parros, Rick	RB	5-11	200	24	2	Utah St.
46	Preston, Dave	RB	5-10	195	27	5	Bowling Green
11	Prestridge, Luke	P	6-4	235	26	4	Baylor
32	Reed, Tony	RB	5-10	197	27	6	Colorado
	Robinson, Jimmy	WR	5-9	171	26	1	New Mex. St.
50	Ryan, Jim	LB	6-1	212	25	4	Wm & Mary
49	Smith, Dennis	S	6-3	200	23	2	Southern Cal
45	Smith, Perry	CB	6-1	190	30	10	Colorado St.
39	Solomon, Roland	CB	6-0	189	26	3	Utah
19	Steinfort, Fred	K	5-11	180	30	7	Boston Col.
70	Studdard, Dave	T	6-4	255	27	4	Texas
51	Swenson, Bob	LB	6-3	225	29	7	California
36	Thompson, Billy	S	6-1	197	36	14	Maryland St.
37	Trimble, Steve	CB	5-10	181	24	2	Maryland
80	Upchurch, Rick	WR/KR	5-10	176	30	8	Minnesota
81	Watson, Steve	WR	6-4	192	25	4	Temple
87	Wright, Jim	TE	6-3	240	26	4	TCU
20	Wright, Louis	CB	6-2	200	29	8	San Jose St.

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rd	name	pos	ht	wt	age	College
1	Willhite, Gerald	RB	5-10	190	22	San Jose St.
2	McDaniel, Orlando	WR	6-0	176	22	LSU
4	Plater, Dan	WR	6-0	190	22	BYU
5	Winder, Sammy	RB	5-11	199	22	S. Mississippi
7	Ruben, Alvin	DE	6-4	231	21	Houston
9	Uecker, Keith	OT	6-4	247	22	Auburn
10	Woodard, Ken	LB	6-1	215	22	Tuskegee Inst.
11	Yatsko, Stuart	OG	6-3	245	21	Oregon
12	Clark, Brian	OG	6-6	250	22	Clemson

Quarterback Craig Morton and kick-return specialist Wade Manning (#83) of Denver

missed the final three games, including the fateful date with the Bears.

With Wright in good health, the Broncos are solid everywhere in the secondary. Aaron Kyle is a fine, experienced corner. Steve Foley, the free safety, led the team in interceptions for the fourth straight season, stealing five. Bill Thompson was the wonder man. The big strong safety intercepted four passes, pushing his 13-year career total to 40. He also made 91 tackles. The most useful extra back is Mike Harden, who intercepted two passes in the 24-7 victory at Tampa Bay. The comer, however, is Dennis Smith, last year's No. 1 draftee. He'll be Thompson's eventual successor.

Running back Tony Reed (#32) and Pro Bowl linebacker Randy Gradishar (#53) and strong safety Bill Thompson of the Denver Broncos

KANSAS CITY CHIEFS

The Chiefs are a team with a lot of things going for it. They run the ball superbly, have two Pro Bowl defensive backs, one of the best place-kickers in the NFL, an exciting young star in running back Joe Delaney, and an experienced offensive line.

Among the things they don't do well are two of the vital elements for success in the NFL: pass the football and rush the opposing passer.

The Chiefs had their first winning season in eight years in 1981, but they still hadn't made up their minds about the identity of their quarterback at year's end. Was it to be Bill Kenney, the Cinderella man? Or Steve Fuller, the brainy, ex-Clemson star whom they drafted in Round 1 four years ago?

"We expect great improvement at quarterback if this team is to make the needed progress to get into the playoffs," says Marv Levy, the coach. "One of them (Kenney or Fuller) has to emerge and be a big-league quarterback."

The Chiefs threw the ball less and completed fewer passes than any AFC team. Their 12 touchdown passes were five fewer than any other team in the conference. Yet, only one AFC team, New England, had a worse interception percentage.

One of the problems is that Levy vacillates about making a decision to determine which quarterback will be No. 1. He thinks well of Kenney's delivery, but points out that Fuller gets more second chances because of his mobility. Levy won't even promise that the quarterback who wins the competition and starts the regular season will not be lifted for what the coach considers valid reasons.

The Chiefs gave their quarterbacks a bright, new collaborator by making Tennessee's Anthony Hancock the first-round draft choice. By almost unanimous opinion, the slick, swift Hancock was the best receiver available in the draft. If he can't break into the lineup almost immediately, something is wrong. Henry Marshall, who has been a dependable if plodding starter for KC, suffered a knee injury late last season. J.T. Smith, the other starter, was the team's top receiver with 63 catches for a 13.5-yard average and two touchdowns. In this day of let-the-good-times-roll offense in the NFL, 13.5-yard averages and two touchdowns aren't going to make it.

If the Chiefs have trouble passing the football, they compensate, at least partially, by running it more efficiently than any other AFC team. KC averaged 164.6 yards a game on the ground. Joe Delaney, who exploded as unexpectedly upon the NFL as Joe Cribbs had the year before for Buffalo, gained 1,121 yards and won a spot in the Pro Bowl. However, Delaney suffered an offseason eye injury, similar to that which threatens to end Sugar Ray Leonard's boxing career.

Jim Hadnot won the fullback assignment in his second pro season. He finished with 603 yards. Billy Jackson, as unheralded rookie from Alabama, was the team's short-yardage secret weapon, thumping across the goal line ten times. He gained 398 yards in 111 carries. The Chiefs should have even more dimension in their running game this season, since Ted McKnight returns from the injured list.

Kansas City got better offensive line play than it had had for years. The principal reason may have been that Levy hired a tutor for his linemen. The teacher is Tom Breshnahan, who brought a fresh approach from the Naval Academy, where he coached for eight seasons. There is plenty of experience in the line, with Matt Herkenhoff and Charlie Getty at tackles, Tom Condon at guard, and Jack Rudnay, who begins his 13th season, at center. The sole young'un is Brad Budde, who broke in last year as a starting guard in his second season.

Levy seemed to have trouble making up his mind about tight end, too. After drafting Willie Scott and Marvin Harvey 1-2 last year, KC gave the starting nod to journeyman Al Dixon. It's a muddle which needs untangling.

Nick Lowery connected on 26 of 36 field goals and was the AFC kicker in the Pro Bowl.

Place-kicker Nick Lowery of Kansas City scored 115 points in 1981.

1981 LEADERS AND AFC RANKINGS

SCORING—Lowery, 115 points on 26 field goals and 37 PAT's . . . T1st
RUSHING—Delaney, 234 carries for 1,121 yards, 4.8 avg., 3 TD's . . . 3rd
PASSING—Kenney, 147 of 274 attempts for 1,983 yards, 9 TD's . . . 12th
RECEIVING—Smith, 63 receptions for 852 yards, 13.5 avg., 2 TD's . . . 11th
INTERCEPTIONS—Harris, 7 for 109 yards, 15.6 avg . . . 3rd
PUNTING—Grupp, 41 punts, 38.0 avg., longest 57 yards . . . 14th
PUNT RETURNS—Smith, 50 for 528 yards, 10.6 avg . . . 3rd
KICKOFF RETURNS—Murphy, 20 for 457 yards, 22.9 avg . . . 6th

PRESEASON SCHEDULE

August	13	CINCINNATI (N)
	21	At New Orleans (N)
	28	MIAMI (N)
September	4	At St. Louis (N)

1982 SCHEDULE			1981 SCORES
September	12	At Buffalo	—
	19	SAN DIEGO	31-42
	23	ATLANTA (N)	—
October	3	At Seattle	20-14
	10	HOUSTON	23-10
	17	At San Diego	20-22
	24	NEW YORK JETS	—
	31	SEATTLE	40-13
November	7	At Oakland	28-17
	14	DENVER	28-14
	21	At New Orleans	—
	28	At Los Angeles	—
December	5	At Pittsburgh	37-33
	12	OAKLAND	27-0
	19	At Denver	13-16
	26	SAN FRANCISCO	—

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The Chiefs, with 27 quarterback sacks, were fourth from the bottom in that department. Consider that the Chiefs' Art Still and Mike Bell were two of the premier defensive ends to come into the NFL in recent years and you have to wonder. Still had only two sacks all year, but was selected for the Pro Bowl. The top sacker was nose tackle Ken Kremer (eight), who shares that duty with Don Parrish.

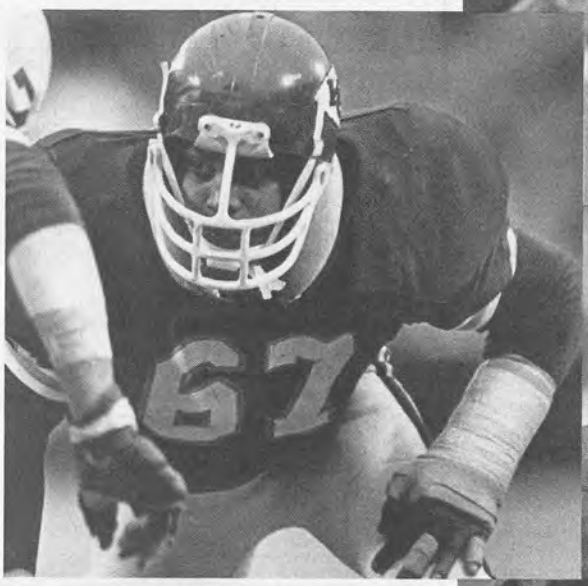
"We need to work on a more menacing defense," admits Levy.

The Chiefs were the third-most efficient team in the NFL in defensing the run and, strangely enough, the linebackers get relatively little of the credit. Only Gary Spani, the inside backer whom the Chiefs considered a budding all-pro, got high marks for 1981. "He had a magnificent season," lauds Levy.

The rest of the linebacking picture is unclear, particularly since the Chiefs used their second and third draft picks to select Calvin Daniels of North Carolina and Louis Haynes of North Texas State. The fourth pick, Stuart Anderson of Virginia, is listed as a defensive line candidate by KC, but many NFL teams considered him a potential linebacker.

The other inside linebackers are Frank Manumaleuga, who has been in and out of the starting lineup, and Jerry Blanton, with Cal Peterson backing them up. Thomas Howard and Charles Jackson are the nominal starters on the outside, but Whitney Paul and Peterson also have started there, and Dave Klug, a special-teams ace as a rookie, has a good chance to break in.

It's in the secondary where the defensive outlook is brightest. For the fourth time in recent years, a member of the defensive backfield won the Mack Lee Hill award as the team's best rookie. This time it was Lloyd Burruss, who got the strong safety job three games into the season. His partner at free safety is Gary Barbaro, who made it to the Pro Bowl for the second consecutive year. Barbaro finished No. 2 to Spani in tackles, underlying the importance of the Chiefs' secondary against the run. Barbaro plays like a linebacker. Gary Green made it to



Sensational rookie running back Joe Delaney (#37), defensive end Art Still (#67), nose tackle Don Parrish (#61), and wide receiver Henry Marshall of Kansas City

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85	Beckman, Ed	TE	6-4	237	27	6	Florida St.
99	Bell, Mike	DE	6-4	255	25	3	Colorado St.
35	Belton, Horace	RB	5-8	200	27	4	SE Louisiana
57	Blanton, Jerry	ILB	6-1	236	26	4	Kentucky
30	Bledsoe, Curtis	RB	5-11	215	25	2	San Diego St.
66	Budde, Brad	G	6-4	264	24	3	USC
34	Burruss, Lloyd	S	6-0	201	25	2	Maryland
56	Cancik, Phil	ILB	6-1	230	25	3	N. Arizona
88	Carson, Carlos	WR	5-10	172	24	3	LSU
42	Carter, M.L.	CB	5-9	173	27	4	Fullerton
95	Case, Frank	DE	6-4	242	24	2	Penn St.
20	Cherry, Deron	S	5-11	185	23	2	Rutgers
41	Christopher, Herb	S	5-10	202	28	4	Morris Brown
65	Condon, Tom	G	6-3	272	30	9	Boston College
37	Delaney, Joe	RB	5-10	184	24	2	NW Louisiana
84	Dixon, Al	TE	6-5	235	28	6	Iowa St.
4	Fuller, Steve	QB	6-4	198	25	4	Clemson
11	Gagliano, Bob	QB	6-3	193	24	2	Utah St.
21	Gaines, Clark	RB	6-1	212	28	6	Wake Forest
77	Getty, Charlie	T	6-4	269	30	9	Penn St.
7	Gossett, Jeff	P	6-2	195	25	2	E. Illinois
24	Green, Gary	CB	5-11	184	27	6	Baylor
1	Grupp, Bob	P	5-11	204	27	4	Duke
48	Hadnot, James	RB	6-2	244	25	3	Texas Tech
44	Harris, Eric	CB	6-3	191	27	3	Memphis St.
83	Harvey, Marvin	TE	6-3	220	23	2	S. Mississippi
60	Herkenhoff, Matt	T	6-4	270	31	7	Minnesota
75	Hicks, Sylvester	DE	6-4	252	27	5	Tennessee St.
52	Howard, Thomas	OLB	6-2	215	28	6	Texas Tech
43	Jackson, Billy	RB	5-10	223	23	2	Alabama
51	Jackson, Charles	OLB	6-2	220	27	5	Washington
9	Kenney, Bill	QB	6-4	210	27	4	N. Colorado
55	Klug, Dave	OLB	6-4	230	24	2	Concordia
91	Kremer, Ken	NT	6-4	250	25	4	Ball St.
31	Lewis, Will	CB	5-10	195	24	3	Millersville
71	Lindstrom, Dave	DE	6-6	257	28	5	Boston U.
8	Lowery, Nick	PK	6-4	190	26	3	Dartmouth
74	Mangiero, Dino	NT	6-2	265	24	3	Rutgers
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89	Marshall, Henry	WR	6-2	214	28	7	Missouri
22	McKnight, Ted	RB	6-1	216	28	6	Duluth
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63	Olenchalk, John	C/LB	6-0	228	27	2	Stanford
61	Parrish, Don	NT	6-2	264	27	5	Pittsburgh
53	Paul, Whitney	OLB	6-3	220	27	7	Colorado
50	Peterson, Cal	ILB	6-4	230	30	7	UCLA
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70	Rourke, Jim	G/T	6-5	265	25	3	Boston College
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76	Taylor, Roger	T	6-6	271	24	2	Oklahoma St.
62	Thomas, Todd	C	6-5	262	23	2	North Dakota
40	Williams, Mike	RB	6-3	222	25	4	New Mexico

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1	Hancock, Anthony	WR	6-0	187	22	Tennessee
2	Daniels, Calvin	LB	6-3	236	22	North Carolina
4	Haynes, Louis	LB	6-0	227	22	N. Texas St.
4	Anderson Stuart	LB/NT	6-1	247	22	Virginia
5	Thompson, Del	RB	6-0	203	21	El Paso
6	Roquemore, Durwood	S	6-1	180	22	Texas A & I
7	Smith, Greg	NT	6-2	275	23	Kansas
8	deBruijn, Case	K	6-0	176	22	Idaho St.
9	Byford, Lyndle	OT	6-5	270	22	Oklahoma
10	Brodsky, Larry	WR	5-11	188	22	Miami
11	Carter, Bob	CB	6-0	173	22	Arizona
12.	Miller, Mike	S	6-1	198	21	SW Texas St.

Cornerback Gary Green of the Chiefs

the Pro Bowl in his fifth season as a starting corner, but he was considered star quality long before that. Quarterbacks give it a lot of thought before throwing in his territory. The other cornerback is also one of the better ones in the NFL, Eric Harris. He intercepted seven passes, second in the AFC, and returned them for an average of 15.6 yards. M.L. Carter and Herb Christopher, who have started from time to time, are available for utility duty.

One of the Chiefs' surprising problems was punting. After a sensational season in 1980, Bob Grupp slipped depressingly. He finished dead last among AFC punters and his job now is in jeopardy. Levy drafted Case de Bruijn of Idaho State.

J.C. Smith is still one of the top punt returners in football, while James Murphy gave the Chiefs reliable kickoff returning last year. Hancock may contribute to both areas.

OAKLAND RAIDERS

Rebuilding never has been the Raiders' style. "Reload," Al Davis would order, and the Raiders would. In 1980, they reloaded so well that they made an unprecedented comeback to win the Super Bowl, a milestone in pro football history.

In 1981, they reloaded with empty shells. No Super Bowl champion ever fell so far so fast. They finished fourth in the AFC West, winning only seven and losing nine. Even their Monday night mastery came to an end. San Diego beat them in the last of the ABC extravaganzas, preventing at least a break-even season.

What now?

"We are still the Raiders," maintains coach Tom Flores. "We have a tremendous history and we will be back."

Maybe, but maybe not so soon. Things got so bad with the Raiders that, in the early part of the season (late September and early October), they set a record which seemed inconceivable for them at any time. Three weeks in Raider infamy read like this:

Detroit 16, Oakland O
Denver 17, Oakland O
Kansas City 27, Oakland O

The Raiders were the first team since the 1943 Brooklyn Dodgers to suffer three consecutive shutout defeats. It got better, but not by much. When the Raiders were upset, 23-6, by the lowly Chicago Bears, Raider safety Mike Davis charged that some of his teammates had quit in the game.

Raiders quitting? Is nothing sacred? Whether they quit or not, several Raider veterans, some of them one-time stars, lost their jobs during Oakland's nightmare season.

The most notable was Jim Plunkett, the Cinderella hero of 1980 and Super Bowl XV. Young Marc Wilson finished the season as the starter, although Plunkett later said his problems stemmed from a finger injury he suffered early in the year. Guard Gene Upshaw, a perennial all-pro, lost his job to Curt Marsh, one of the Raiders' two 1981 first-round draft choices. Dave Dalby, once an all-pro center, was replaced by Steve Sylvester. Pro Bowl tight end Raymond Chester lost his position to young Derrick Ramsey. Dwayne O'Steen, a starter in Super Bowl XV, was replaced by Monte Jackson.

Even some of those veterans who kept their jobs did not distinguish themselves. Wide receiver Cliff Branch, for instance, scored only one touchdown among his 41 catches. One-time all-pro offensive tackle Art Shell had a mediocre year and later was injured.

There were some damaging injuries. Fullback Mark van Eeghen, one of the best short-yardage specialists in football, hurt a knee. Wide receiver Bob Chandler missed half the year with a ruptured spleen. Linebacker Bob Nelson was lost before the season began. Nose tackle Reggie Kinlaw, possibly the key to the 1980 defensive success, went out early in the season and never returned.

Offensively, the major decision will be either to go with the development of Wilson, who threw for 2,311 yards and 14 touchdowns—although he was intercepted 19 times—or to try to rehabilitate Plunkett.

After van Eeghen got hurt, Derrick Jensen

1981 LEADERS AND AFC RANKINGS

SCORING—C. Bahr, 69 points on 14 field goals and 27 PAT's...15th
RUSHING—King, 170 carries for 828 yards, 4.9 avg...9th
PASSING—Wilson, 173 of 366 attempts for 2,311 yards, 14 TD's...15th
RECEIVING—Ramsey, 52 receptions for 674 yards, 13.0 avg., 4 TD's...16th
INTERCEPTIONS—McKinney, 3 for 38 yards, 12.7 avg...32nd
PUNTING—Guy, 96 punts, 43.7 avg., longest 69 yards...2nd
PUNT RETURNS—Watts, 35 for 284 yards, 8.1 avg., 1 TD...8th
KICKOFF RETURNS—Whittington, 25 for 563 yards, 22.5 avg...8th

PRESEASON SCHEDULE

August	14	At San Francisco (N)
	21	At Detroit
	28	GREEN BAY (N)
September	3	CLEVELAND (N)

1982 SCHEDULE			1981 SCORES
September	12	At San Francisco	—
	19	At Atlanta	—
	26	At San Diego	10-23
October	3	NEW ORLEANS	—
	10	CLEVELAND	—
	17	At Seattle	32-31
	24	At Denver	7-9
	31	MIAMI	33-17
November	7	KANSAS CITY	17-28
	14	At Baltimore	—
	22	SAN DIEGO (N)	21-55
	28	At Cincinnati	—
December	5	SEATTLE	20-10
	12	At Kansas City	0-27
	18	LOS ANGELES	—
	26	DENVER	0-17

Running back Kenny King of Oakland

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Pittsburgh/So. Carolina 37-9
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became the starter and averaged 3.9 yards in his 117 carries, scoring three times. Will it be the newcomer or the vet? Whoever it is, the main ball carrier will remain Kenny King, who gained 828 yards and averaged 4.9 yards a carry but failed to score.

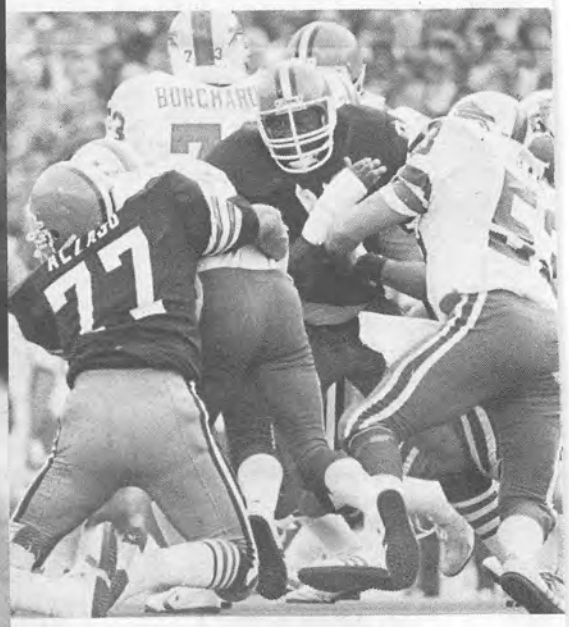
The passing game might be easier to patch up than the ground attack. When Chandler suffered his spleen injury, there was concern about his survival. It was assumed he would never play again. Less than two months later, he was in uniform. In the final game of the season, Chandler caught six passes against San Diego for 128 yards. He's a man difficult to count out. If the 33-year-old Chandler returns for another big season, it might free 34-year-old Branch for an equally big year. Ramsey gave indication that he could be a star of the future, catching 52 passes for a 13-yard average and four touchdowns, an impressive figure considering the chaos at quarterback and wide receiver.

There are other young receivers, notably Malcom Barnwell, who got his first NFL start in the last game. He caught nine passes for the year, averaging 21.1 yards. The Raiders still have patience with Morris Bradshaw, three of whose 22 catches resulted in touchdowns.

The line will be rebuilt around Mickey Marvin, whom ex-Raider head coach John Madden calls one of the most underrated young players in the NFL. Marsh played well as a rookie. Sylvester will battle Dalby for the center job. Henry Lawrence will be at one tackle, but Shell is vulnerable on the other side.

Defensively, the 1981 season may have been summarized by the 28-17 loss to Kansas City, in which the Raiders blew a 17-0 lead. The only lineman who had much of a season was end Dave Browning, who is developing into a sound pass rusher. The other end, John Matuszak, slipped badly from his 1980 performance. The return of Kinlaw to the type of football he played could be the key to defensive success in 1982.

Rookie Marc Wilson (#6) replaced Jim Plunkett as Oakland's starting quarterback; end Lyle Alzado joins the Raider defense in 1982 season.



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Wide receiver Cliff Branch (#21), running backs Mark van Eeghen and Derrick Jensen (#31), and cornerback Lester Hayes (above) of the Raiders

The linebacking is still first-rate. Ted Hendricks, who is 35 now, made the Pro Bowl again. Given the right help, he can be just as turbulent an offense wrecker as ever. Rod Martin, hero of the Super Bowl victory over Philadelphia, had a good season; rough, tough Matt Millen is one of the assets around which the Raider resurgence will be built. Nelson should regain his job to keep the Super Bowl linebacking alignment intact.

One of the principal reasons for Oakland's decline was the drop-off in "make-things-happen" defense. There were, for instance, just 13 interceptions last season. In 1980, the Raiders intercepted 35. Lester Hayes, who was one of the NFL's dominant defensive players in 1980, seemed to lose confidence when his famed stickum was outlawed. He had only three steals.

The only notable contribution by last year's top defensive draftee, Ted Watts, was a 52-yard touchdown punt return, but Watts could be prominent this year: And so could sophomore linemen Howie Long and John Robinson.

The Raiders, to stimulate their defense, traded for end Lyle Alzado and linebacker Don Goode from Cleveland. The Browns also sent running back Greg Pruitt, whose chief value may be as a pass receiver.

Oakland's 1982 draft could pay immediate dividends. Marcus Allen, the Heisman Trophy winner, could be the sort of pro back Clem Daniels, an all-time star for Oakland in the mid 1960's, was. Illinois linebacker Jack Squirek and center Jim Romano also are potential starters. If Michigan tackle Ed Muransky agrees to discipline his diet, he could play in the offensive line for a generation.

Oakland's special teams are traditionally good. Ray Guy's punting, a 43.7-yard average with 23 kicks inside the 20, was superb, as usual. Not so Chris Bahr's place-kicking: 14 of 24 field goals, 27 of 33 extra points.

SEATTLE SEAHAWKS

The Seahawks love New York, or at least that portion of New York occupied by the Jets. They also have a fondness for Monday nights. Knocking the Jets out of the Eastern Division championship in the American Conference and detonating one of their patented Monday night explosions against the San Diego Chargers were the sum and substance of the Seattle season in 1981.

Spoiler. That is Seattle's role. The Seahawks play it just often enough to keep the fans in the Kingdome sullen but not rebellious. Seattle is

RAIDERS VETERAN ROSTER

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Age	NFL Exp.	College
	Alzado, Lyle	DE	6-3	250	32	12	Yankton
10	Bahr, Chris	K	5-10	175	29	7	Penn St.
	Bailey, Mark	RB	6-3	235	28	3	Long Beach St.
56	Barnes, Jeff	LB	6-2	225	27	6	California
80	Barnwell, Malcolm	WR	5-11	185	24	2	Virginia Union
	Berns, Rick	RB	6-2	205	26	3	Nebraska
54	Bracelin, Greg	LB	6-1	215	25	3	California
81	Bradshaw, Morris	WR	6-1	195	30	9	Ohio State
21	Branch, Cliff	WR	5-11	170	34	11	Colorado
	Bright, Greg	S	6-0	205	25	3	Morehead St.
73	Browning, Dave	DE	6-5	245	26	5	Washington
85	Chandler, Bob	WR	6-1	180	33	12	Southern Cal
88	Chester, Raymond	TE	6-4	235	34	13	Morgan St.
46	Christensen, Todd	TE-RB	6-3	230	26	4	Brigham Young
50	Dalby, Dave	C	6-3	250	32	11	UCLA
79	Davis, Bruce	T	6-6	280	26	4	UCLA
36	Davis, Mike	S	6-3	205	26	5	Colorado
	Goode, Don	LB	6-2	240	31	9	Kansas
	Grossart, Kyle	QB	6-4	210	27	2	Oregon St.
8	Guy, Ray	P	6-3	195	33	10	S. Mississippi
86	Hardman, Cedrick	DE	6-4	245	34	13	N. Texas St.
27	Hawkins, Frank	RB	5-9	210	23	2	Reno
37	Hayes, Lester	CB	6-0	200	27	6	Texas A&M
83	Hendricks, Ted	LB	6-7	230	35	14	Miami
48	Hill, Kenny	S	6-0	195	24	2	Yale
42	Jackson, Monte	CB	5-11	195	29	8	San Diego St.
31	Jensen, Derrick	RB	6-1	220	26	4	Arlington
90	Jones, Willie	DE	6-4	250	25	4	Florida St.
33	King, Kenny	RB	5-11	205	25	4	Oklahoma
62	Kinlaw, Reggie	DT	6-2	245	25	3	Oklahoma
70	Lawrence, Henry	T	6-4	270	31	9	Florida A&M
75	Long, Howie	DE	6-5	265	22	2	Villanova
60	Marsh, Curt	G	6-5	270	23	2	Washington
53	Martin, Rod	LB	6-2	215	28	6	Southern Cal
65	Marvin, Mickey	G	6-4	270	27	6	Tennessee
71	Mason, Lindsey	T	6-5	275	27	4	Kansas
72	Matuszak, John	DE	6-8	285	32	10	Tampa
57	McClanahan, Randy	LB	6-5	235	28	5	SW Louisiana
23	McKinney, Odis	S	6-2	190	25	5	Colorado
	Miller, Mark	QB	6-2	185	26	3	Bowling Green
55	Millen, Matt	LB	6-2	255	24	3	Penn State
28	Montgomery, Cle	RB	5-8	185	26	2	Abilene Christian
51	Nelson, Bob	LB	6-4	235	29	6	Nebraska
	Odom, Cliff	LB	6-2	225	24	2	Arlington
35	O'Steen, Dwayne	CB	6-1	195	28	5	San Jose St.
44	Owens, Burgess	S	6-2	200	31	10	Miami
16	Plunkett, Jim	QB	6-2	215	35	12	Stanford
	Pruitt, Greg	RB	5-10	190	31	10	Oklahoma
84	Ramsey, Derrick	TE	6-5	235	26	5	Kentucky
68	Robinson, Johnny	DT	6-2	260	23	2	Louisiana Tech
78	Shell, Art	T	6-5	285	36	15	Maryland St.
66	Sylvester, Steve	C-G	6-4	260	29	8	Notre Dame
	Taylor, Billy	RB	6-0	215	26	5	Texas Tech
63	Upshaw, Gene	G	6-5	255	37	16	Texas A&I
30	van Eeghen, Mark	RB	6-2	220	30	9	Colgate
41	Watts, Ted	CB	6-0	190	23	2	Texas Tech
52	Westbrooks, Greg	LB	6-3	220	29	8	Colorado
22	Whittington, Arthur	RB	5-11	185	27	5	S. Mississippi
	Wilkinson, Jerry	DE	6-9	290	26	3	Oregon St.
38	Willis, Chester	RB	5-11	195	24	2	Auburn
6	Wilson, Marc	QB	6-6	205	25	3	Brigham Young

DRAFTEES

rd	name	pos	ht	wt	age	college
1	Allen, Marcus	RB	6-2	205	22	USC
2	Squirek, Jack	LB	6-3	225	23	Illinois
2	Romano, Jim	C	6-3	250	22	Penn St.
3	McElroy, Vann	S	6-1	190	22	Baylor
4	Muransky, Ed	T	6-7	280	22	Michigan
5	Jackson, Ed	LB	6-3	220	23	Louisiana Tech
7	Jackson, Jeff	DE	6-7	250	22	Toledo
10	D'Amico, Rich	LB	6-2	230	21	Penn State
11	Turner, Willie	WR	5-11	195	23	LSU
12	Smith, Randy	WR	6-0	170	22	E. Texas St.

The Raiders failed to make a return trip to the Super Bowl last season.

always looking for some sort of consolation prize and Jack Patera, who keeps hanging on to his job, found one last year in what his team managed during the last part of the season, winning five of its last nine games.

"We played better in the second half of the season and had opportunities to win even more [games] than we did," claims Patera.

It was a new version of an old theme. The truth is that the Seahawks keep spinning their wheels. They finished third from last in the NFL in defense in 1981. They finished 20th in offense. They keep their fans' minds off the unhappy facts by occasionally rising up to upset the Jets or someone, and by playing well on Monday nights when place-kicker Effren Herrera suddenly becomes a pass receiver or Dan Doornink, ordinarily timed with a sun dial, races 80 yards for a touchdown.

Offensively, the Seahawks are interesting, but they don't have enough tools to make a more profound impact. Their weapons don't go much beyond quarterback Jim Zorn, wide receiver Steve Largent, and running back Theotis Brown.

Zorn, statistically, was enjoying one of his best years when he suffered a broken ankle in the 13th game. He completed 59.5 percent of his passes, a career high. He also passed 102 times without an interception and had a streak of 152 passes with only one interception. He finished with 13 TD passes and 2,788 yards.

Largent, one of the NFL's top receivers for the last six years, caught 75 passes, second-high in the AFC, for 1,224 yards, a 16.3-yard average, and nine touchdowns.

The surprise was Brown. With Sherman Smith unable to make a full comeback from a knee injury, Brown was acquired from St. Louis just before the midway point in the season. Patera marks the team's turnaround from the time Brown arrived. In his first start, Theotis gained 104 yards in an upset victory over the Jets. He finished with 531 as a Seahawk. He also showed an ability to catch the ball, which is vital in Seattle's offense.

One other positive feature on offense was the relief quarterbacking of Dave Krieg. The third-year man from Milton beat the Jets and Browns in his three-game stint after Zorn got hurt. Krieg, whose previous experience was at the most amateur level of college football, completed 57 percent of his passes for 843 yards and seven touchdowns.

For the fifth year in a row, the Seahawks made a defensive player their No. 1 pick in the college draft. That should be paying off, but

Pressure by Seattle defensive tackle Manu Tuiasosopo (#74) helped safety John Harris (#44) pick off an AFC-leading 10 interceptions.

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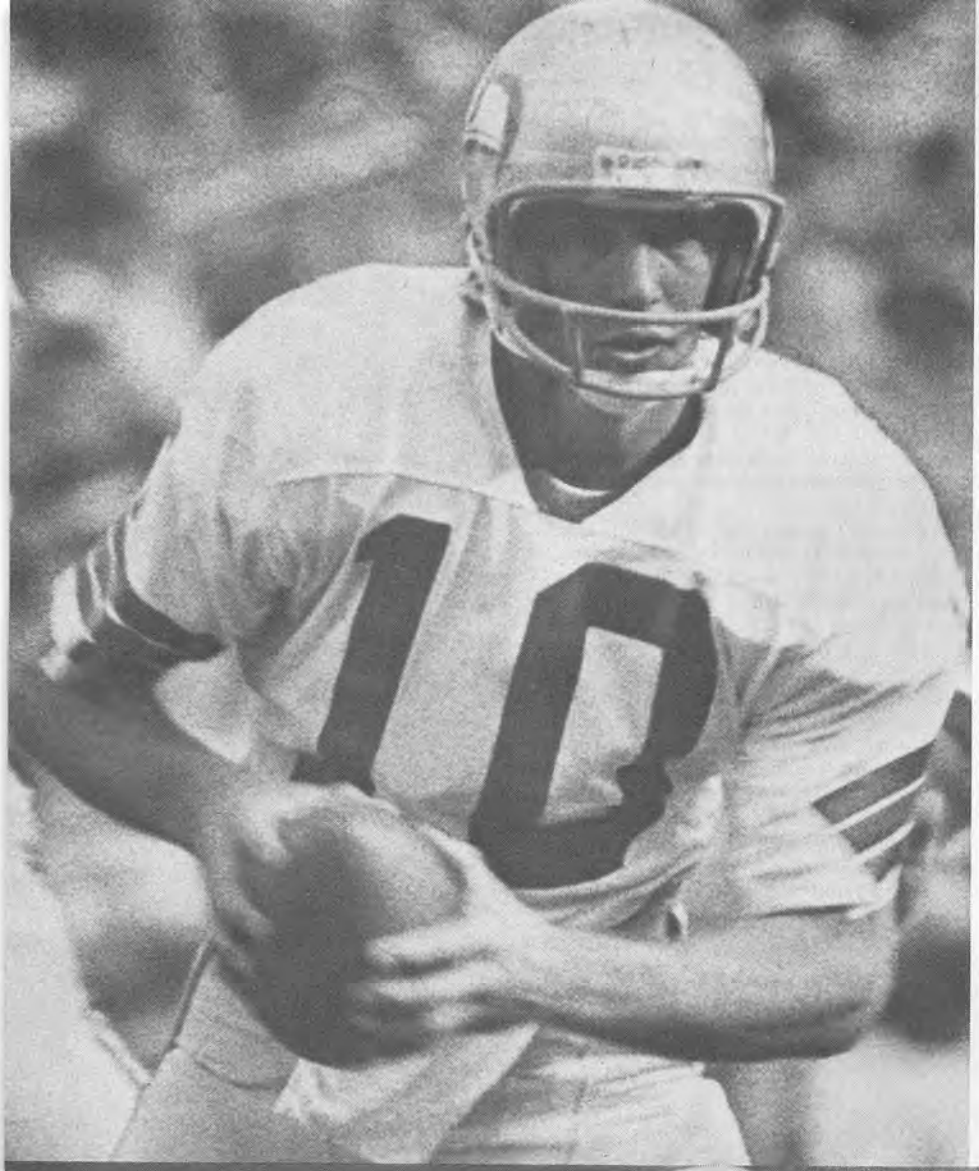


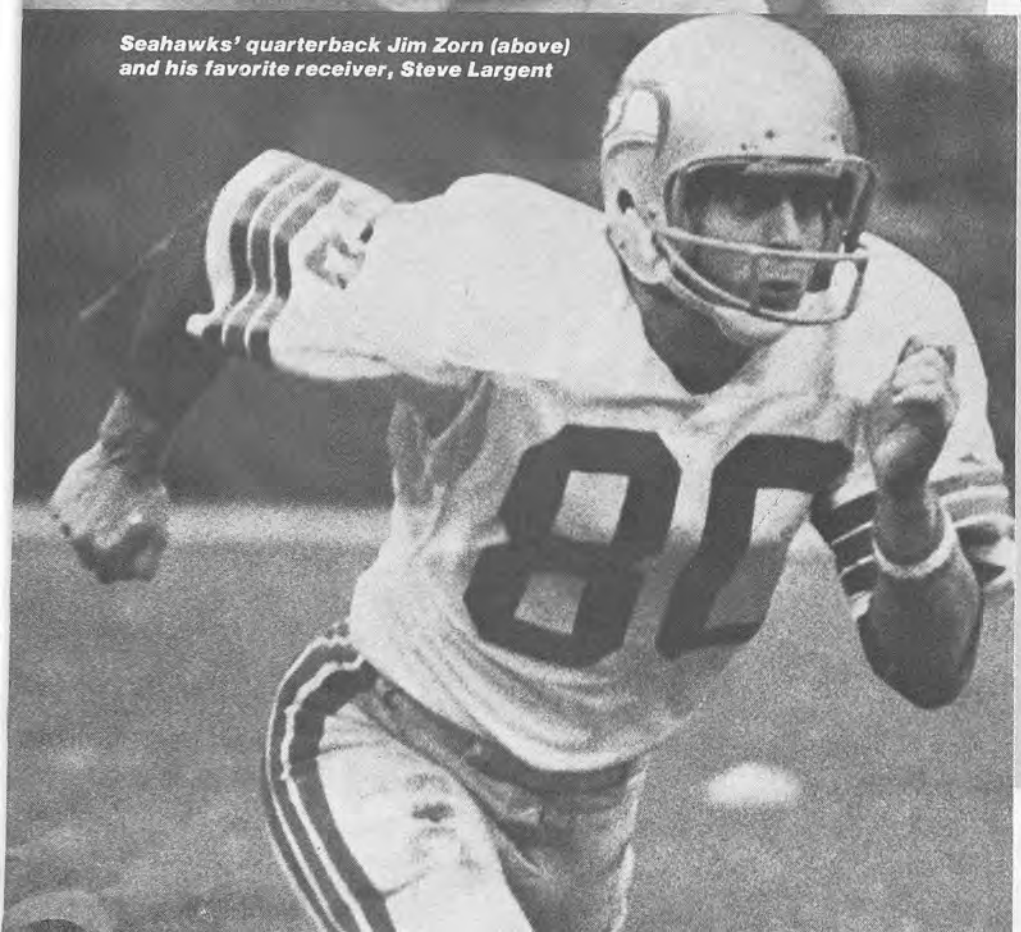
Seattle often does bizarre things with its draft choices. This year was no exception. They picked Clemson tackle Jeff Bryant, a talented fellow but one who can be difficult to motivate. To get Bryant the Seahawks passed up the man whom many scouts considered one of the two best players in the draft, Penn State guard Mike Munchak. Also available at the time were Stanford running back Darrin Nelson, Arizona State fullback Gerald Riggs, Heisman Trophy winner Marcus Allen, Sean Farrell (Munchak's partner), and the top receiver in the draft, Tennessee's Anthony Hancock.

If Bryant can beat out Mike White for the right-tackle job, it will put all five first-round selections in the lineup: Jacob Green at left end, Manu Tuiasosopo at right end, Bryant at right tackle, Keith Simpson at left cornerback, and Kenny Easley at strong safety. Even with all that talent, the Seahawks could not prevent the opposition from converting almost 50 percent of its third-down opportunities.

Green does what the Seahawks drafted him for: rush the quarterback. He had 12 sacks in his second pro season. Patera also lauded him for improving his play against the run. Tuiasosopo was moved from tackle to end early in the season; he had six sacks. Robert Hardy, the left tackle, had eight and a half sacks.

The Seahawks have trouble at linebacker. Michael Jackson, the best outside backer, probably will be moved to the middle, but when he came into pro football four years ago there was some question whether he was big enough even to play the outside. Keith Butler plays the right side. With Jackson moved, there would be opportunity unlimited for the second-round draft choice, rangy Bruce Scholtz of Texas. The Seahawks drafted three other linebackers, underlining the emergency. They are Eugene Williams of Tulsa, David Jefferson of Miami, and Craig Austin of South Dakota.

The secondary is much stronger at safety than at the corners, since super rookie Easley



Seahawks' quarterback Jim Zorn (above) and his favorite receiver, Steve Largent

1981 LEADERS AND AFC RANKINGS

SCORING—Largent, 60 points on 10 touchdowns . . . T17th
RUSHING—Brown, 156 carries for 583 yards, 3.7 avg., 8 TD's . . . 18th
PASSING—Zorn, 236 of 397 attempts for 2,788 yards, 13 TD's . . . 5th
RECEIVING—Largent, 75 receptions for 1,224 yards, 16.3 avg., 9 TD's . . . 2nd
INTERCEPTIONS—Harris, 10 for 155 yards, 15.5 avg., 2 TD's . . . 1st
PUNTING—West, 66 punts, 39.1 avg., longest 56 yards . . . 13th
PUNT RETURNS—Johns, 16 for 177 yards, 11.1 avg . . . 2nd
KICKOFF RETURNS—Lewis, 20 for 378 yards, 18.9 avg . . . 19th

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1982 SCHEDULE			1981 SCORES
September	12	CLEVELAND	42-21
	19	At Houston	17-35
	26	At New England	—
October	3	KANSAS CITY	14-20
	10	At San Diego	10-24
	17	OAKLAND	31-32
	24	SAN DIEGO	44-23
	31	At Kansas City	13-40
November	7	DENVER	13-10
	14	At St. Louis	—
	21	At Denver	13-23
	28	PITTSBURGH	24-21
December	5	At Oakland	10-20
	12	CHICAGO	—
	19	NEW ENGLAND	—
	26	At Cincinnati	21-27

and John Harris start at the deep positions. Harris led the AFC with ten interceptions, but it was Easley who was the brightest defensive star, finishing second in tackles with 107 and leading in fumble recoveries with four. He could develop quickly into an all-pro. Simpson and Dave Brown are the corners, with Kerry Justin, who started nine games, the principal backup. Gregory Johnson started three games.

Offensively, the Seahawks need to take the heat off Largent. Sam McCullum was the second-most-active receiver, with 46 catches, but he averaged just 12.3 yards per. The tight end should be a key target for a quarterback of the style of Zorn, but John Sawyer caught only 21 passes last season and didn't score a touchdown. The reserve wide receivers are undistinguished, except for Paul Johnson, who averaged 16.4 yards on his eight catches as a rookie, while leading the Seahawks in punt returns with an 11.1-yard average. The best bet out of the draft is big Pete Metzelaars of Wabash, who led his school's basketball team to the NCAA Division II championship by scoring 42 points in the title game. He can play football pretty well, too.

One of the more solid units is the offensive line, with veterans Steve August at tackle and Bob Newton at guard on the right side and youngsters Edwin Bailey at guard and Ron Essink at tackle on the left side. John Yarno and Art Kuehn alternate at center. The top reserve is guard Bill Dugan.

The running game, aside from Brown, is not much. Smith and Doornink both averaged just three yards a carry, while David Hughes, last year's controversial No. 2 draft choice, averaged less than that (2.9). More judicious use might possibly be made of ex-Patriot Horace Ivory this year.

Herrera did not have one of his better years kicking field goals. He made 12 of 17, but within the 39-yard line he was 9-for-10. Jeff West averaged 39 yards a punt, but the Seahawks help him by covering his kicks extremely well.

SEAHAWKS VETERAN ROSTER

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Age	NFL Exp.	College
12	Adkins, Sam	QB	6-2	214	27	6	Wichita St.
2	Alvarez, Wilson	K	6-0	165	25	2	Southeast La.
63	Anderson, Fred	DE	6-4	245	28	4	Prairie View
76	August, Steve	T	6-5	254	28	6	Tulsa
65	Bailey, Edwin	G	6-4	265	23	2	SC St.
82	Bell, Mark	DE	6-4	240	25	3	Colorado St.
68	Boyd, Dennis	T	6-6	255	27	5	Oregon St.
36	Brinson, Larry	RB	6-0	214	28	5	Florida
22	Brown, Dave	CB	6-2	190	29	8	Michigan
30	Brown, Theotis	RB	6-3	225	25	4	UCLA
53	Butler, Keith	LB	6-4	225	26	5	Memphis St.
4	Castro, Dale	P	6-1	190	23	1	Maryland
5	Dewart, Alan	K	6-1	200	23	1	San Fran St.
33	Doornink, Dan	FB	6-3	210	26	5	Wash St.
25	Dufek, Don	S	6-0	195	28	6	Michigan
66	Dugan, Bill	G	6-4	271	23	2	Penn St.
45	Easley, Kenny	S	6-3	206	23	2	UCLA
64	Essink, Ron	T	6-6	254	24	3	Grand Valley
50	Flones, Brian	LB	6-1	228	23	2	Wash St.
56	Gaines, Greg	LB	6-3	220	24	2	Tennessee
90	Gall, Edd	G	6-4	262	24	1	Maryland
6	Garcia, Frank	P	6-1	190	25	1	Arizona
79	Green, Jacob	DE	6-3	247	25	3	Texas A&M
75	Hardy, Robert	DT	6-2	250	26	4	Jackson St.
44	Harris, John	S	6-2	200	26	5	Arizona St.
1	Herrera, Efren	K	5-9	190	31	8	UCLA
46	Hughes, David	FB	6-0	220	23	2	Boise State
32	Ivory, Horace	RB	6-0	198	28	6	Oklahoma
55	Jackson, Michael	LB	6-1	220	25	4	Washington
43	Jodat, Jim	FB	5-11	213	28	6	Carthage
85	Johns, Paul	WR	5-11	170	24	2	Tulsa
27	Johnson, Greggory	CB	6-1	188	24	2	Oklahoma St.
26	Justin, Kerry	CB	5-11	175	27	5	Oregon St.
17	Krieg, Dave	QB	6-1	185	24	3	Milton
54	Kuehn, Art	C	6-3	255	29	7	UCLA
37	Lane, Eric	RB	6-0	195	23	2	Brigham Young
80	Largent, Steve	WR	5-11	184	28	7	Tulsa
84	McCullum, Sam	WR	6-2	190	30	9	Montana St.
89	McGrath, Mark	WR	5-11	175	25	2	Montana St.
21	Minor, Vic	S	6-0	198	24	3	NE Louisiana
78	Newton, Bob	G	6-5	260	33	12	Nebraska
52	Norman, Joe	LB	6-1	220	26	4	Indiana
83	Raible, Steve	WR	6-2	195	28	7	Georgia Tech
81	Sawyer, John	TE	6-2	230	29	7	Southern Miss.
91	Seawell, Ron	LB	6-1	240	23	1	Portland St.
92	Sewell, Don	G	6-5	252	26	1	Georgia Tech
42	Simpson, Keith	CB	6-1	195	23	5	Memphis St.
47	Smith, Sherman	RB	6-4	225	28	7	Miami (OH)
69	Sutherland, Doug	DT	6-3	250	34	13	Wis-Superior
59	Thomas, Rodell	LB	6-2	225	24	2	Alabama St.
86	Tice, Mike	TE	6-7	250	23	2	Maryland
74	Tulasosopo, Manu	DE	6-3	252	25	4	UCLA
60	Turner, Kevin	LB	6-2	225	24	3	Pacific
3	Wagner, Vince	K	6-0	180	23	1	NW Minnesota
8	West, Jeff	P	6-2	220	29	7	Cincinnati
70	White, Mike	DT	6-5	266	25	4	Albany St.
51	Yarno, John	C	6-5	251	28	6	Idaho
10	Zorn, Jim	QB	6-2	200	29	7	Pomona

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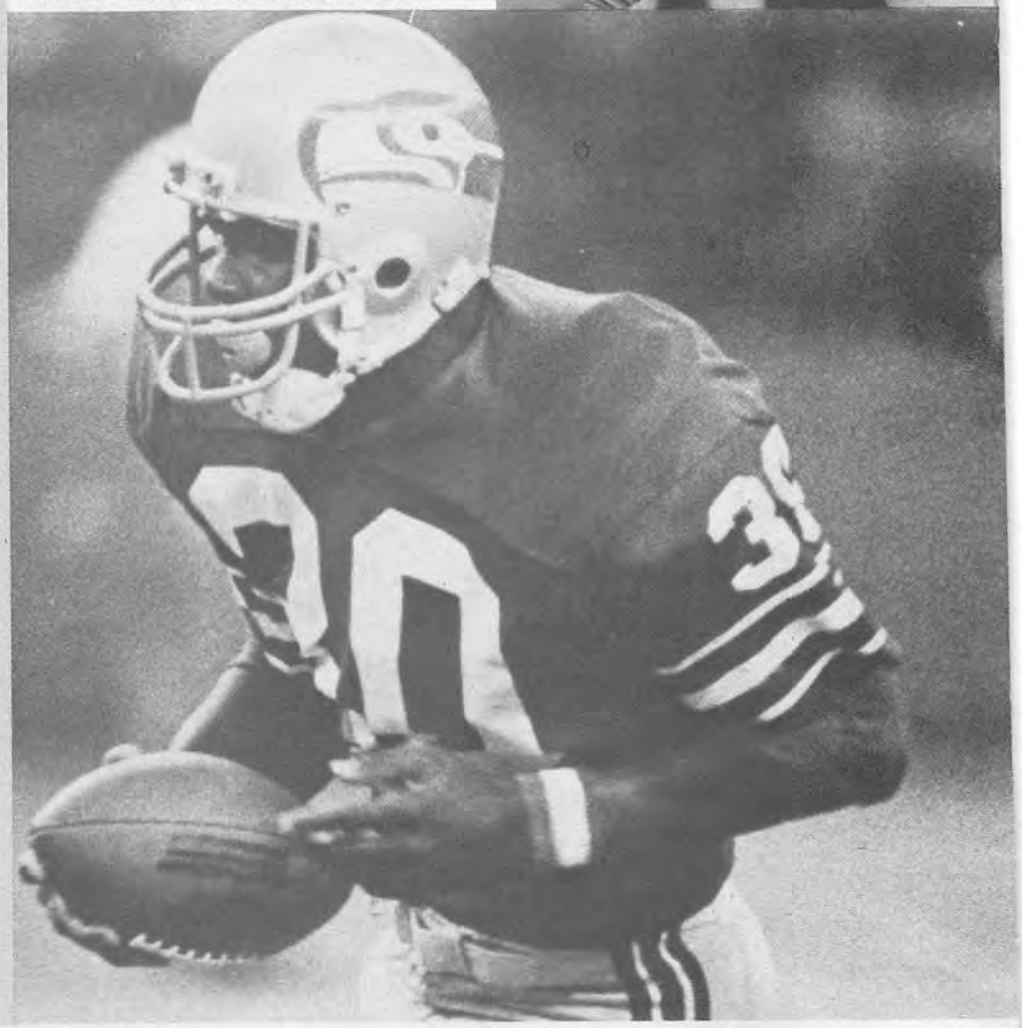
rd	name	pos	ht	wt	age	college
1	Bryant, Jeff	DE	6-5	260	22	Clemson
2	Scholtz, Bruce	LB	6-6	240	22	Texas
3	Metzelaars, Pete	TE	6-7	240	22	Wabash
6	Campbell, Jack	OT	6-5	277	24	Utah
7	Williams, Eugene	LB	6-1	220	22	Tulsa
8	Cooper, Chester	WR	6-2	200	23	Minnesota
9	Jefferson, David	LB	6-2	220	23	Miami
10	Austin, Craig	LB	6-3	220	23	South Dakota
11	Clancy, Sam	DL	6-7	250	24	Pittsburgh
12	Naylor, Frank	C	6-2	245	23	Rutgers



When running back Sherman Smith (#47) was injured, the Seahawks acquired Theotis Brown (below), who led the team in rushing yards.

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On paper, the 1981 Miami Dolphins figured to finish well back in the pack. On the field, they finished 11-4-1, the fourth-best record in the league and came within a blown field goal of qualifying for the AFC championship before bowing to the Chargers in that epic 41-38 overtime playoff loss to San Diego.

The Dophins' comeback from a 24-0 abyss against the Chargers set up what many feel was one of the greatest games ever played. Momentum flowed back and forth, as both teams exhausted themselves in the brutal heat and humidity enveloping the Orange Bowl. Brilliant individual efforts on both sides left the huge crowd at the stadium and the tens of millions watching the national telecast enervated and exhilarated. Just another football game became more—a test of wills, courage, and endurance.

DOLPHINS' PEERLESS LEADER

by BOB RUBIN
MIAMI HERALD

Man for man, it should have been a mismatch. The Chargers were a veteran team of big-name players, led by record-setting quarterback Dan Fouts, state-of-the-art tight end Kellen Winslow, rejuvenated 1,000-yard-plus running back Chuck Muncie, slick wide receiver Wes Chandler, guard Doug Wilkerson, defensive tackles Gary Johnson and Louis Kelcher, etc.

The Dolphins, on the other hand, were a team composed of no-names and question marks. (Only two Dolphins made the 1982 Pro Bowl.) The quarterback was a two-headed creature dubbed "Woodstrock." Second-year man David Woodley, an obscure eighth-round draft choice, started in place of retired future Hall of Famer Bob Griese, and was periodically relieved by Griese's long-time caddy, Don Strock. The fullback, Andra Franklin, was a rookie fourth-round draft choice best known as a blocker at Nebraska. The runnng back the Dolphins picked with their No. 1 draft choice, David Overstreet, defected to Canada. The green Dolphin offensive line had played together for just a season and a half. A trio of alternating tight ends added up to one complete player. One defensive end, Kim Bokamper, was a converted linebacker. One linebacker, A.J. Duhe, was a converted defensive end. The free safety, Lyle Blackwood, was a free-agent reject of the hapless Colts. And on and on.

How did such a team go 11-4-1? In three words: coach Don Shula. You won't find anyone in the NFL who doesn't put Shula at the top of his trade. He coached the 1972 Dolphins to 17-0 Super Bowl perfection, then won football's greatest prize again the following season. Last year, he became only the fourth NFL coach to surpass 200 victories, and his 204-83-6 record in 19 seasons gives him a winning percentage of .706, highest among the top 12 career victory leaders. Shula teams at Baltimore and in Miami have finished first 13 times and have had only one losing season.

But for all of Shula's notable achievements, it has been suggested that going 11-4-1 last year might have been his greatest. He thanks you for the compliment, but shakes his head in disagreement. Any season that ends with a loss is a disappointment to Shula. He is a perfectionist with just one goal: victory in the Super Bowl. Any year that falls short of that, falls short. Period.

"I was proud of our players," he said, "probably as proud of them as any team I've ever had . . ." He paused, then added the kicker.

"That didn't win."

If ever a man was born to be a coach, it's Donald Francis Shula. As a boy growing up in the tiny fishing village of Grand River, Ohio, he was the kid who chose the sides, organized the game, "and made sure everything was running right," on the grade-school field diagonally across the street from his house. He's been making sure things run right ever since.

Make no mistake about who runs things in Miami. Shula and Dolphin owner Joe Robbie have had a tenuous, at times acrimonious, relationship, but Robbie has had the good sense to make Shula the league's highest-paid coach (nearly $500,000 per year) and let him run the football end with total authority. On the field, the Dolphins are a dictatorship.

The dictator was thoroughly schooled before assuming power. He played defensive back for the Cleveland Browns under the Godfather of all NFL coaches, Paul Brown, and under one of Brown's most talented disciples, Blanton Collier. As a player, Shula was known as "Captain Red Ass," for his intensity and unofficial, often unappreciated, coaching.

"I was always interested in the overall concept," Shula said. "The decision to go into coaching was a gradual thing, a natural way to stay in the game I loved so much."

Brown provided Shula a primer on organization. "He brought the classroom into football—everything planned and thought out," Shula said. Collier, a Browns' assistant, taught Shula the nuts and bolts. "Blanton was just a great, great teacher and fine human being," Shula said. "As a defensive back, I was directly under him, and he had a tremendous impact on me. Then I coached under him for one year at the University of Kentucky. I'd attend long meetings with him in his basement. He's got to be one of the great minds in football, technically."

Shula adopted his mentors' precision. He runs a taught ship. He's a workaholic who will keep his players out on the practice field until the cows are asleep, or until those players get it right. The Dolphins usually rank at or near the top in fewest yards penalized

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because Shula will not tolerate penalties or sloppy play in practice.

As a young head coach in Baltimore, Shula once berated all-universe quarterback Johnny Unitas on the sidelines for throwing a quick out—that was intercepted—into the teeth of a zone defense. Unitas brought him up short by saying, "You never covered that. The incident taught Shula a valuable, lasting lesson—never assume anything.

So the Dolphins today try to prepare for every contingency. Remember the spectacular scoring flea-flicker from Strock to wide receiver Duriel Harris to halfback Tony Nathan cutting by for a lateral that got the Dolphins back in the playoff game against San Diego with six seconds remaining in the first half? That was not improvised. It's in the Dolphins' playbook. They only practice it once every couple of weeks during their two-minute drill, and they had only used it once before in a game several years ago, but it was there in case it was needed.

"Preparation is what coaching's all about," Shula said. "You try to put yourself in every conceivable situation that might arise. Over a period of time, as you gain experience as a player, assistant coach, and then head coach, things like this build up in your library. What you must do is somehow find time to convey these things to the people who are going to have to get it done on the field."

To make maximum use of time, Shula is a fanatic on sticking to his schedule. Howard Schnellenberger, the successful coach at the University of Miami, was a Shula assistant for many years, and he chuckles at just how rigid the schedule was. "If you told me what I was doing, I'd know the time of the day, the day of the week, the month, and the year," Schnellenberger said.

Now Schnellenberger's assistants can say the same thing. His organization is a carbon copy of Shula's. And you can bet the Steelers under Chuck Noll and the Lions under Monte Clark are similar. They're two more graduates of Shula U.

Shula loves his job. He loves the hours of film watching that have others fighting sleep. He loves the searing July heat of training camp at Biscayne College. He loves to teach. Above all, he loves the mental and physical combat of Sunday afternoons in the fall. He *craves* it.

"If I ever do get out, I don't know what I could do to fill the void," he said. "The things we do, the excitement, the demands on your time, the decision-making . . . We make as many decisions—important decisions—on a Sunday as the average guy does in a year. You gear up, and after the game, you try to learn from your mistakes. Where else could I find that kind of action?"

The incredible high of Sunday afternoon lasts far into the night for Shula.

"I'll get to sleep after the late news, but then about 2 or 3 o'clock, I'll get up, and I'm like this . . ."

He opened his eyes as wide as saucers.

"I start thinking and replaying the game. What else could I have done? What would have worked better? But I don't spend a lot of time feeling sorry for myself. I know that the score's going to stay up there."

Who is Don Shula, what is he really like, and what makes him the phenomenal success he is? Got a few days?

The 52-year-old boss of the Dolphins is the sum of many parts. To capture him and the reasons for his success, you must examine them all—his looks and personality, his talents (organization, communication, and teaching), his experiences as a player and assistant coach, the men he learned from and emulated and the philosophies he adopted as a result, and his skill at picking a quality staff and keeping it together.

Start with Shula's most visible characteristics, his looks and personality. They complement each other perfectly, and add up to a commanding, often intimidating, presence. Players readily admit he frightens them. Thick chest, powerful legs, massive, leonine head, flashing eyes, and, above all, that pugnaciously jutting chin. He looks like a marine drill sergeant, and acts the part—with relish. He's tough, despotic, frequently abusive, fiercely proud, intense, emotional, profane, dedicated, driving, demanding, and unrelenting. All for one purpose: to make his players and team better than they were yesterday. He demands perfection, and he'll beat it out of you if he has to.

"He is going to push you beyond what you feel are your limits," said Tim Foley, who retired in 1980 after 11 seasons as cornerback and strong safety under Shula. "When somebody does that, sometimes you don't like him, because it's painful. There were times when I hated his guts and I'm sure that's what he was looking for, because you can't play the game unless you're excited—at least I couldn't. But in the long run, you appreciate and respect him, and you wind up a better football player that you thought you could be.

"You never feel comfortable around Shula," Foley continued. "You never feel like you've accomplished anything. When we were about 11-0 on the way to 17-0, it was 'So what? No big deal.' Until you've won the Super Bowl, you haven't done anything.

"He would love to put on a helmet and go out there and knock somebody down. He gets you mad enough that you feel you're going to show him, but his assistants help calm you down and keep you on his side. But he's going to get you excited and upset. That's how he is."

Shula pleads guilty to being dissatisfied with anything less than the ultimate.

"Everything you do is a step toward the Super Bowl," he said. "If you become satisfied with a step, you won't continue to take steps and you won't get there. That's the feeling I try to convey to the players. Though we're happy about winning last Sunday's game, we've got another one coming up, so you'd better forget the accomplishment there, or you won't get done what has to be done to continue along the path."

The danger of self-satisfaction is greatest when the Dolphins are on a roll, so that's when Shula tends to be toughest.

"There have been times when I've walked into that meeting room on a Tuesday after a victory and players are expecting to be rewarded and praised [but] they get it from both barrels," he said. "But it's something I feel has to be done. Usually it's after a game that was sloppily played. You think about the mistakes that were made and how the game could have easily turned around and gone into the L [loss] column. Those are the things I try to bring out to them . . . and not have to wait for the actual loss before getting tough. You try to head off disaster.

"That was especially true in the '72 season. We were 8-0, 9-0, 11-0, and everyone started talking about winnng them all. But the worst thing that could have happened would have been to become happy at 11-0 and forget about what's coming up, or to feel that because you've won 11 in a row, the 12th will be easy. That point had to be made. But not all the time. There were other times they deserved praise and got it.

"That's what coaching's all about, making those decisions. If you were critical all the time, you'd lose your credibility. It's a thin line, but that's the difference in coaches. Most have the background and the preparation, but making those decisions and conveying them separates them. You can have it all in your head, but if you can't convey it, it does no good."

Shula on the rampage makes his points on the field and in the classroom with the subtlety and gentleness of a sledgehammer.

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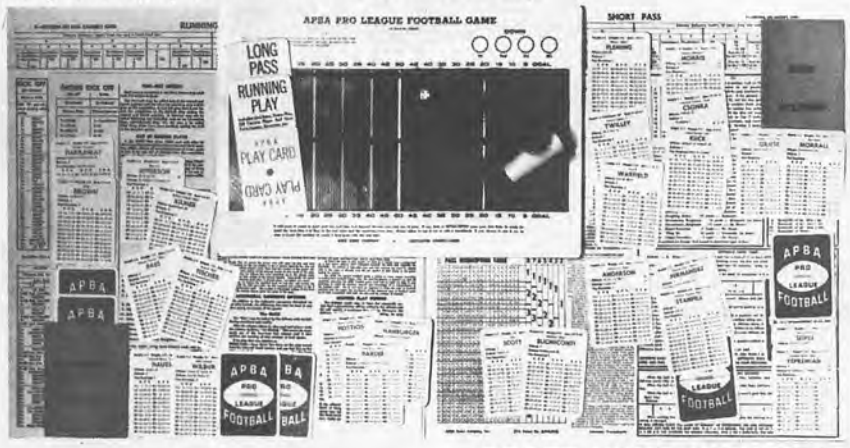

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He admits he sometimes loses control of his emotions on the sidelines, and has offensive line coach John Sandusky watching him to be sure he doesn't self-destruct. Sandusky failed in his mission once last year when Shula drew a $1,000 fine from the league after a vintage tirade during a nationally televised Thursday night game. Shula went all the way down to the 10-yard line—in violation of the 35-yard-line boundary—to tell an official his call was "Horsebleep!" and to scream "You choked!" He punctuated the charge with a hand held to his throat. The fine was for going beyond the 35, which veteran guard Bob Kuenchenberg likened to "arresting Al Capone for income tax evasion."

"I can recall many times after making a mistake and walking toward the sideline thinking, 'Oh, God, I wish I could go the other way,' " Foley said. "You knew what was waiting for you when you didn't do your job right. Then Arnsie (defensive coordinator Bill Arnsparger) would put his arms around you and say, 'All right, tell me what happened.' Shoes wasn't too interested. He just couldn't put up with it. The guy is a pit bull, a fighter, and he transmits that kind of energy and intensity to his players. When you didn't win, you never wanted Tuesday to come. You were praying for some cataclysmic event late Monday night."

Shula shrugs at tales of his toughness. "I'm not a person with a great deal of finesse. I'm about as subtle as a punch in the mouth. Anyway, there's no way you can soft-soap or convey to a player good feelings when there aren't any to convey. When a player comes off the field after making a big mistake, one that really hurt, I try to take everything into consideration—the player and the circumstances—but I'm not always in control.

"I've never been a finesse guy. Sometimes things said on the field or in the film room are very, very embarrassing and unpleasant, but, again, there's no way you can take a negative and finesse it into a positive. When [the players have] matured enough to accept it . . . that's when you're team's ready to go.

"This team right now isn't quite there. Although we were successful last year, there were still a couple of games we let slip away that have to be won in order for us to be the world champions."

Yet there are times when Shula shows a softer side. Unrelieved tyranny would eventually have a numbing effect. The Dolphins suffered a thoroughly humiliating 34-0 shellacking in New England two years ago in which they set a club record for fewest yards gained. You'd think heads would have rolled after that, but Shula took the opposite approach.

"For me to have come down on them on top of everything else that was being said and written would have been a disaster," he explained. "You have to bring them up, go back to things they've accomplished to restore their confidence, make them feel they've got to get it out of their systems, and go from there."

The players also appreciate the way Shula spreads or takes the public heat when the Dolphins fail. "In the 11 years I played for him, I never heard him say, 'We lost because this guy didn't do this,' " Foley said. "He'll just say we didn't play well as a team, or 'I didn't get them ready and it's my fault.' Of course, he doesn't tell us that. . . ."

But when Shula rips his players, it's strictly a private affair. Ask him for gruesome details and he'll snarl, "That's between my team and me."

Like every other successful leader, Shula is a deft psychologist. "You have to try to get inside 45 people and you do it in different ways," he said. "You try to find out what makes them tick and do the things that will bring the best out of them. For some, it's a pat on the back. For some, it's a kick in the ass. There are some players who are not natural hitters. On game day you've got to make them angry—at me or whatever—to overcome this fear of all-out physical war."

Not surprisingly, Shula lists the ability to communicate and the establishment and maintenance of discipline as the two most vital responsibilities of his job.

"But you can communicate only as long as you have credibility," he said. "The minute people start doubting what you're saying, you might as well forget it. If the people you're responsible for believe that what you're saying is true in your own mind, you're going to be able to lead.

"You can liken it to raising a family. You bring up your kids and your football team to get the most out of them. They may not like it when it's happening to them, but later they thank you for it and use it themselves as a way of doing things."

The Dolphins' way is Shula's way. Anyone who won't conform won't be there long.

"You hear it so many times, but discipline is so important," Shula said. "You've got to demand it, you've got to have it. There are a lot of different ways to get it, but it's got to be there. Look at all the great teams. They all have it. If an organization isn't successful, you check with the players and they'll usually say, 'We didn't have any discipline.' "

Cliques, rumors, and petty jealousies can destroy the kind of single-minded commitment to excellence Shula seeks, so he takes pains to lance the boil before it becomes badly infected.

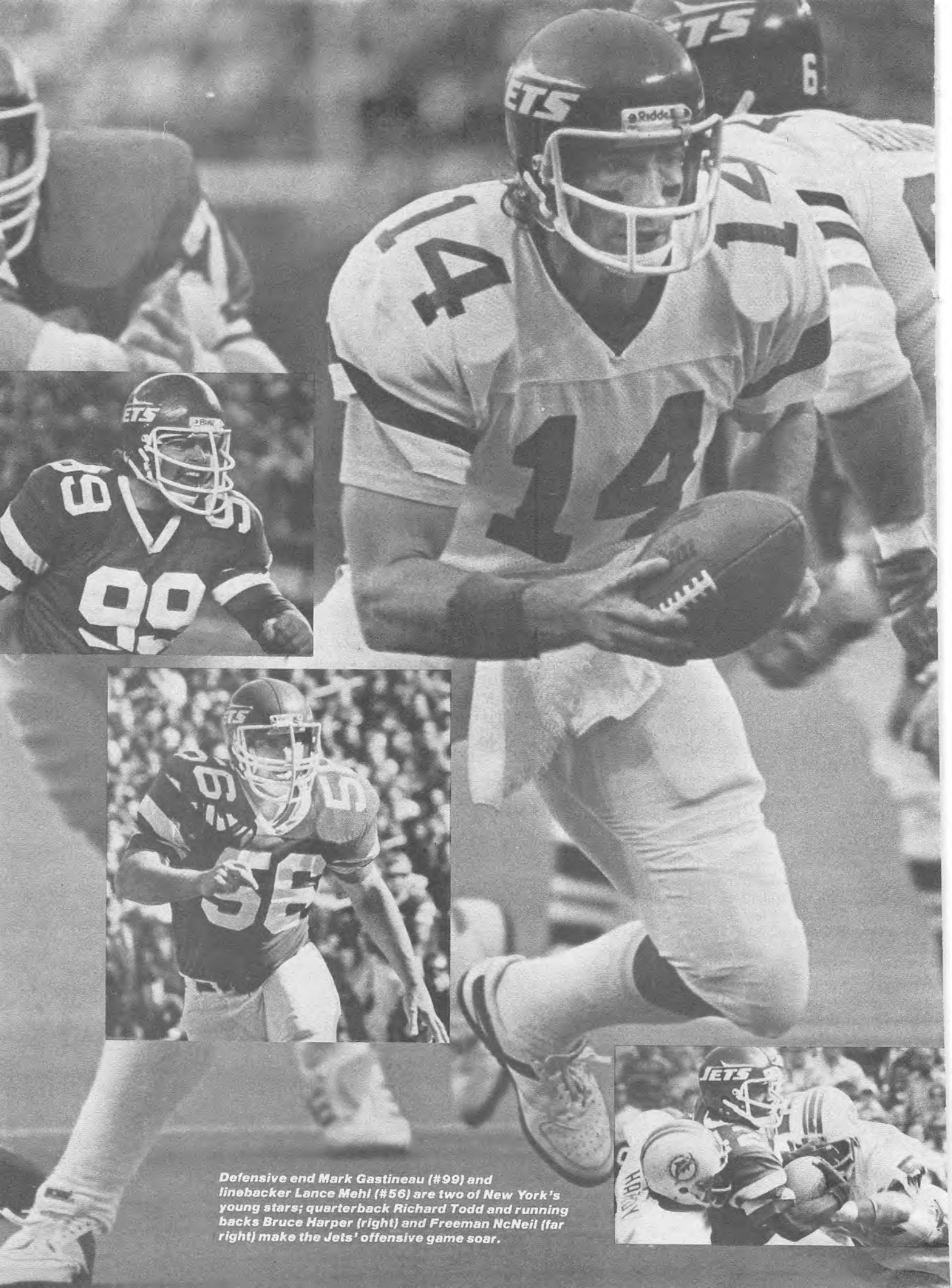
"In order to keep those 45 egos all going in the same direction, you have to be a good communicator in the sense of getting everything out front," Foley said. "There were never any rumors, because once he got a drift of something he got it right out in the open. Those little itty bitty things that get going between this guy and that guy can tear a team apart, but he never let any of those ferment and develop into a cancer."

In coaching, as in most professions, success breeds success. Don Shula can sell his message of work, pain, and sacrifice easier because he is Don Shula.

"That's a luxury very few coaches have," Schnellengerger said. He doesn't have to worry about convincing people that this new play or this new formula is the very best way of doing it. Don Shula has decreed it so, and that carries a lot of weight.

"Athletes in this violent sport respond to demands," Schnellenberger continued, "and he's a very demanding man. He expects excellence from himself and everyone down to his secretary. He won't settle for less."

And that's a big reason why the Dolphins went 11-4 last year.



Defensive end Mark Gastineau (#99) and linebacker Lance Mehl (#56) are two of New York's young stars; quarterback Richard Todd and running backs Bruce Harper (right) and Freeman NcNeil (far right) make the Jets' offensive game soar.

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NEW YORK JETS

If there is such a thing as carryover, the Jets should explode into the 1982 football season.

When last we left them, the Jets were losing, 24-0, to the Buffalo Bills in the first quarter of their first playoff game since Joe Namath's prime. With 10:16 to play in the game, they remained down, 31-13. With 14 seconds to play, Buffalo safety Bill Simpson intercepted a pass on his own 11-yard line to preserve a 31-27 victory for the Bills, who were still tingling as they staggered into their locker room.

The Jets have developed a knack for closing fast even when they take an agonizingly long time getting out of the gate. Last year, just after the Jets themselves had declared themselves playoff contenders, they opened the season by being shut out by Buffalo, 31-0. Two other embarrassing losses followed that. Walt Michaels, their beleaguered coach, was in danger of either becoming unstrung or strung up.

After that, the Jets, in Michaels' words, "learned about winning. They got a taste of what it means to win. They learned how 'warm' New York can be in December and January." The Jets lost only twice in their last 13 games, both times, unaccountably, to the Seattle Seahawks.

Most NFL watchers felt that if the Jets did make the playoffs in 1981, it would be on the strength of their offense, which was potentially explosive. But, instead, they made it on the strength of their pass rush, the fiercest in the entire NFL. Led by their two ends, Joe Klecko and Mark Gastineau, the Jets pummeled opposing quarterbacks 66 times. That's the highest sack total in the NFL since the 1967 Oakland Raiders recorded 67 sacks.

The Jets rolled up eight sacks against Houston, nine against the Giants and Green Bay, and eight in each of their two games against New England. Only the Giants were a playoff team, but don't get the idea the Jets got rich on the softies. They were 3-2-1 against playoff teams last year. They also were 6-1-1 against their pals from the highly competitive AFC East.

The pass rush is more than just fierce. Its violence is balanced. Klecko had 20½ sacks, Gastineau 20. Double-team one and the other is likely to get you. Double-team both and the inside is exposed. Abdul Salaam had seven sacks and the other tackle, tough Marty Lyons, had six, even though he was hampered by occasional nagging injuries. There is another designated sacker, pro sophomore Kenny Neill.

Overall, the Jets had the No. 1 defense in the AFC, allowing an average of just 304.4 yards per game, a drop of 46 yards per game.

New York did not play defense with just its pass rush, however. Two other individual stars were developed in 1981: linebacker Lance Mehl and free safety Darrol Ray. Mehl, another in the long line of good Penn State linebackers, led the Jets in tackles with 168, and his consistency shows by the statistic that he led the tacklers in seven of the 15 games in which he played. Ray, a hard hitter, intercepted seven passes for 227 yards, giving him 13 in his two pro seasons. Two of his thefts were returned for TD's, including the game winner against New England.

The rest of the defense should solidify this season. Ken Schroy became one of the NFL's more underrated strong safeties. Veteran linebacker Greg Buttle forced 4½ fumbles. Jerry Holmes beat Donald Dykes and Johnny Lynn for the cornerback job across from veteran Bobby Jackson. Stan Blinka was a satisfactory if unspectacular middle linebacker.

The unsung hero of the defensive resurgence was Joe Gardi, the energetic defensive coordinator. Gardi's "get-excited" style is what ignited the New York Sack Exchange, with those uninhibited war dances by Gastineau. The enthusiasm paid off. In the last eight games, the Jets allowed only four touchdown passes.

Offensively, Richard Todd set Jet records for completions (283) and passes attempted (507), firing for 25 TD's. But his most notable statistic was his 13 interceptions, not only a team record but a remarkable reduction from 1981, when he threw 30, the worst mark in the NFL.

Todd was far more in control in 1981 under the new offensive coordinator, Joe Walton, who put the emphasis on throwing to a variety of receivers. Bruce Harper, one of the most versatile backs in the league, caught 52 passes; Wesley Walker had 47 receptions and 9 touchdowns. The career of tight end Jerome Barkum was resurrected after an injury to starter Mickey Shuler. Barkum caught 39 passes, many in critical situations, and seven TD's.

Walker did not endear himself to his teammates, however, when he dropped two probable touchdown passes in the playoff loss to Buffalo. Either ball might have broken open the game. The Jets have enough inconsistency from another speed receiver, Lam Jones, who caught only 20 passes, but averaged 17.1 yards per catch and scored three times.

The Jets' running game averaged 146.3 yards a game, but there is potential for much better, mainly because Freeman McNeil was hampered by foot injuries in his rookie year. Despite his physical problems, McNeil still led the team with 623 yards. He has the look of a consistent 1,000-yard gainer, the best back the Jets have possessed since the days of Emerson Boozer.

Harper, used in specialty situations, can be dynamite. He carried only 81 times last year, but gained 393 yards and scored four rushing touchdowns. He also led the Jets in punt returns, with a 7.6-yard average, and in kickoff returns, with a 20.9-yard average.

Michaels uncovered a blocking fullback early last year in Mike Augustyniak. Augie suffered an injury later on, but he should pair with McNeil in the Jets' most stable backfield.

In the offensive line, the Jets had one Pro Bowl starter and another man who is on the verge. The certified star is tackle Marvin Powell, who could develop into the top man at his position this season. He blocks equally well for the pass or run. The man on the verge is Joe Fields, the gritty center who ranks just behind Mike Webster among AFCers who play the position.

Powell's tackle partner is Chris Ward, who improved immeasurably when the Jets started to win consistently. Alongside him, at left guard, is Randy Rasmussen, who recovered from knee surgery to take back a starting position in his 14th season. He still has the winning attitude. Dan Alexander is the right guard, playing alongside Powell. The Jets are deep in the line, too. Tackle John Roman, guard John Waldemore, and center Guy Bingham all have started at one time. Bingham and Waldermore can play several positions. Shuler contributes powerfully as the blocking tight end and is a clutch receiver.

The kicking game is reliable. Punter Chuck Ramsey averaged 40.6 yards and dropped 26 kicks within the 20.

The draft brought a challenger for Blinka,

1981 LEADERS AND AFC RANKINGS

SCORING—Leahy, 113 points on 25 field goals and 38 PAT's . . . 4th
RUSHING—McNeil, 137 carries for 623 yards, 4.5 avg., 2 TD's . . . 15th
PASSING—Todd, 279 of 497 attempts for 3,231 yards, 25 TD's . . . 6th
RECEIVING—Harper, 52 receptions for 459 yards, 8.8 avg., 1 TD . . . 18th
INTERCEPTIONS—Ray, 7 for 227 yards, 32.4 avg., 2 TD's . . . 2nd
PUNTING—Ramsey, 81 punts, 40.6 avg., longest 65 yards . . . 8th
PUNT RETURNS—Harper, 35 for 265 yards, 7.6 avg. . . . 11th
KICKOFF RETURNS—Harper, 23 for 480 yards, 20.9 avg. . . . 11th

PRESEASON SCHEDULE

August	14	At Green Bay (N)
	21	At Houston (N)
	28	At NY Giants (N)
September	4	Denver (at East Rutherford, NJ, N)

1982 SCHEDULE			1981 SCORES
September	12	MIAMI	16-15
	19	At New England	17-6
	26	At Baltimore	41-14
October	3	HOUSTON	33-17
	10	DENVER	—
	18	BUFFALO (N)	33-14
	24	At Kansas City	—
	31	NEW ENGLAND	28-24
November	7	At Buffalo	0-31
	14	At Pittsburgh	10-38
	21	BALTIMORE	25-0
	28	GREEN BAY	28-3
December	6	At Detroit (N)	—
	12	TAMPA BAY	—
	18	At Miami	28-28 (OT)
	26	At Minnesota	—

Notre Dame linebacker Bob Crable. Behind him came guard Reggie McElroy of West Texas State and fullback Dwayne Crutchfield of Iowa State, who could be a surprise if he can control his weight.

BUFFALO BILLS

It was Chuck Knox's birthday, his 50th, so it called for some sort of special celebration. It was also draft day and the Philadelphia Eagles, coached by Knox's old buddy Dick Vermeil, were one pick away from fastening a major plank in their Super Bowl rebuilding plan. If the Denver Broncos passed him by, Clemson receiver Perry Tuttle would be selected by the Eagles to boost their sagging offense. As the clock ran down on Denver's allotted time, there was a stirring at Buffalo's table at Draft Central in New York.

"We have a trade," came the announcement. "Buffalo and Denver have switched places. Buffalo selects Perry Tuttle, Clemson wide receiver." So the Bills had another piece in their own Super Bowl puzzle. Those teams which elected to double cover the Bills' two Pro Bowl receivers, Frank Lewis and Jerry Butler, now must contend with Tuttle when Buffalo plays its flood formations out of the shotgun.

As it turned out, however, Tuttle was a mere consolation prize. The biggest Super Bowl piece of all is in Cleveland. Tom Cousineau, the Ohio State linebacker whom Buffalo made the No. 1 pick in the 1979 NFL draft, then lost to the Canadian League, was available to them the week before this spring's draft. Ralph Wilson, the Bills' owner, took a long look at the price tag for Cousineau and blinked. Then he traded Cousineau to the Browns, to the consternation of Knox and the Buffalo fans.

Cousineau was vital for the Bills' run at the Super Bowl. As sound as this team is, it is cursed by one principal flaw. Any team with a strong running game gives Buffalo trouble.

Tony Dorsett ran away from the Bills in the second half to lead Dallas in a Monday night game. Wilbert Montgomery gave them something with which they could not cope in an early-season loss to Philadelphia. Cincinnati beat them with two drives of more than 90 yards, with Pete Johnson thumping for first downs. Even St. Louis, in the midst of a woeful slump, upset them when the Bills could not contain Ottis Anderson.

Tom Catlin, the Bills' slick defensive coordinator, was forced to use seven defensive backs in long-yardage situations when the Buffalo linebackers proved unequal to the task. Cousineau would have been the stopper for a team which does not have a dominant defensive player.

JETS VETERAN ROSTER

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Age	NFL Exp.	College
60	Alexander, Dan	G	6-4	260	27	6	LSU
35	Augustyniak, Mike	FB	5-11	220	26	2	Purdue
31	Barber, Marion	RB	6-3	224	23	2	Minnesota
83	Barkum, Jerome	TE	6-4	227	32	11	Jackson St.
64	Bingham, Guy	OL	6-3	255	24	3	Montana
54	Blinka, Stan	LB	6-2	234	25	4	Sam Houston St.
51	Buttle, Greg	LB	6-3	232	28	7	Penn St.
59	Clausen, Kent	LB	6-4	230	25	2	Montana
95	Cotton, Tim	WR	6-0	190	28	2	Xavier
55	Crosby, Ron	LB	6-3	227	27	5	Penn St.
25	Dierking, Scott	RB	5-10	220	27	6	Purdue
26	Dykes, Donald	CB	5-11	188	27	4	SE Louisiana
98	Faulkner, Mike	DE	6-2	250	25	2	Virginia Tech
65	Fields, Joe	C	6-2	253	29	8	Widener
81	Gaffney, Derrick	WR	6-1	182	27	5	Florida
99	Gastineau, Mark	DE	6-5	276	26	4	E. Central Okla.
42	Harper, Bruce	RB	5-8	177	27	6	Kutztown St.
47	Holmes, Jerry	DB	6-2	175	25	3	West Virginia
40	Jackson, Bobby	CB	5-10	180	26	5	Florida St.
27	Johnson, Jesse	DB	6-3	188	25	3	Colorado
89	Jones, Bobby	WR	5-11	185	27	6	No College
80	Jones, Johnny	WR	5-11	183	24	3	Texas
46	Jones, LeRoid	RB	6-0	197	24	2	LSU
73	Klecko, Joe	DE	6-3	272	29	6	Temple
5	Leahy, Pat	K	6-0	189	31	9	St. Louis
20	Lewis, Kenny	RB	6-0	196	25	3	Virginia Tech
33	Long, Kevin	FB	6-1	218	27	6	South Carolina
29	Lynn, Johnny	CB	6-0	195	26	3	UCLA
93	Lyons, Marty	DT	6-5	269	25	4	Alabama
53	McKibben, Mike	LB	6-3	224	26	4	Kent St.
24	McNeil, Freeman	RB	5-11	225	23	2	UCLA
56	Mehl, Lance	LB	6-3	235	24	3	Penn St.
77	Neil, Kenny	DL	6-4	244	23	2	Iowa St.
44	Newton, Tom	FB	6-0	220	28	6	California
34	Nitti, John	RB	6-1	208	24	2	Yale
62	Pellegrini, Joe	C	6-4	252	25	2	Harvard
79	Powell, Marvin	T	6-5	271	27	6	Southern Cal.
15	Ramsey, Chuck	P	6-2	189	30	6	Wake Forest
66	Rasmussen, Randy	G	6-2	260	37	16	Kearney St.
28	Ray, Darrol	FS	6-1	206	24	3	Oklahoma
61	Roman, John	T	6-2	270	30	7	Idaho St.
76	Rudolph, Ben	DL	6-5	271	25	2	Long Beach St.
10	Ryan, Pat	QB	6-3	205	27	5	Tennessee
74	Salaam, Abdul	DT	6-3	269	29	7	Kent St.
48	Schroy, Ken	S	6-2	198	30	6	Maryland
82	Shuler, Mickey	TE	6-3	236	26	5	Penn State
19	Sisco, Lance	TE	6-2	224	25	2	Wm. Patterson
87	Sohn, Kurt	WR	5-11	176	25	2	Fordham
45	Springs, Kirk	S-CB	6-0	192	24	2	Miami (OH)
86	Stephens, Steve	TE	6-3	227	25	2	Oklahoma St.
14	Todd, Richard	QB	6-2	206	29	7	Alabama
70	Waldemore, Stan	OL	6-4	269	27	5	Nebraska
85	Walker, Wesley	WR	6-0	179	27	6	California
72	Ward, Chris	T	6-3	267	27	5	Ohio St.
52	Washington, Al	LB	6-3	235	24	2	Ohio St.
57	Woodring, John	LB	6-2	230	23	2	Brown

DRAFTEES

rd	name	pos	ht	wt	age	college
1	Crable, Bob	LB	6-3	230	22	Notre Dame
2	McElroy, Reggie	T-G	6-6	270	22	W. Texas St.
3	Crutchfield, Dwayne	RB	6-0	235	22	Iowa St.
4	Floyd, George	S-KR	5-11	190	21	E. Kentucky
5	Jerue, Mark	LB	6-3	225	22	Washington
6	Phea, Lonell	WR-KR	5-10	175	23	Houston
7	Coombs, Tom	TE	6-3	230	22	Idaho
8	Texada, Lawrence	RB	5-11	200	22	Henderson St.
9	Klever, Rockey	RB	6-3	220	22	Montana
10	Hemphill, Darryl	CB	6-0	195	22	W. Texas St.
11	Parmelee, Perry	WR	6-3	180	22	Santa Clara
12	Carlstrom, Tom	G	6-6	260	23	Nebraska

1981 LEADERS AND AFC RANKINGS

SCORING—N. Mike-Mayer, 79 points on 14 field goals and 37 PAT's . . . T10th
RUSHING—Cribbs, 257 carries for 1,097 yards, 4.3 avg., 3 TD's . . . 5th
PASSING—Ferguson, 252 of 498 attempts for 3,652 yards, 24 TD's . . . 8th
RECEIVING—Lewis, 70 receptions for 1,244 yards, 17.8 avg., 4 TD's . . . 4th
INTERCEPTIONS—Clark, 5 for 142 yards, 28.4 avg. . . 6th
PUNTING—Garrett, 78 punts, 39.4 avg., longest 57 yards . . . 12th
PUNT RETURNS—Hooks, 17 for 142 yards, 8.4 avg. . . 7th
KICKOFF RETURNS—Franklin, 21 for 436 yards, 20.8 avg. . . 12th

PRESEASON SCHEDULE

August	14	At Dallas (N)
	21	CHICAGO (N)
	27	At Washington (N)
September	4	DETROIT (N)

1982 SCHEDULE			1981 SCORES
September	12	KANSAS CITY	—
	16	MINNESOTA (N)	—
	26	At Houston	—
October	3	NEW ENGLAND	20-17
	10	At Baltimore	35-3
	18	At NY Jets (N)	14-33
	24	DETROIT	—
	31	At Denver	9-7
November	7	NY JETS	31-0
	14	At New England	19-10
	21	MIAMI	31-21
	28	BALTIMORE	23-17
December	5	Green Bay (at Milwaukee)	—
	12	PITTSBURGH	—
	19	At Tampa Bay	—
	27	At Miami (N)	6-16

So the Bills will have to keep winning mostly with offense. Tuttle is just the latest in an impressive lineup. Running back Joe Cribbs made the Pro Bowl again as he ran for more than 1,000 yards for the second straight season, inflated his pass-receiving yardage by 50 percent, and had two long touchdown runs in the playoffs. Oddly enough, it helped Cribbs that he sat out almost two games with an injury late in the year. He came back refreshed and was Buffalo's foremost clutch player in the playoffs.

It also emphasized that the Bills must find enough versatility on their roster to keep Cribbs fresh. One big help may be the delayed debut of fullback Booker Moore, last year's No. 1 draft choice. The ex-Penn State star was lost for the entire season due to a rare nerve disorder, the Guillian-Barre syndrome. He's fully recovered now and likely to beat out Roosevelt Leaks for the starting assignment at fullback. Leaks may be pushed by rookie Van Williams of Carson-Newman for the blocking short-yardage role.

With Moore back, Curtis Brown can shift to running back, where he can compete with veteran Roland Hooks and Robb Riddick to give Cribbs some relief. Hooks made a miracle touchdown catch against New England, as time ran out, to assure the Bills a playoff berth.

It's when the Bills crank up to pass that the are most dangerous. Joe Ferguson, entering his tenth pro season, passed for 3,652 yards and 24 touchdowns last year. "He's still one of the top five or six quarterbacks in pro football," maintains John Brodie, the famed quarterback-turned TV analyst.

Ferguson's big liability last year was an inability to keep track of the 30-second clock in the playoff loss to Cincinnati. A first-down completion which might have led to the winning touchdown was wiped out as a result. But Fergy also has his blue periods. For instance, he threw four interceptions against Dallas, followed by four more against St. Louis. Many of the throws were forced.

The Bills had little choice but to play him, since the only man behind him was Denver cast-off Matt Robinson. The draft helped that situation. San Diego State's Matt Kofler, who has shown a surprising skill at playing in bad weather, was selected on the second round.

Ferguson has the targets. Frank Lewis, performing like a colt at age 34, set Bills' records for catches (70) and yardage (1,139). Jerry Butler caught 55 passes, eight of which went for touchdowns.

The Bills welcome not only Tuttle but two other rookies whose debuts were delayed for a year. Mike Mosley, the ex-Texas A&M quarterback, was the third-round draft choice last year. He spent the year on injured reserve, but the former Texas schoolboy sprint champion used the time to make the transition from passer to pass catcher. The other hopeful is Robert (Radar) Holt, who also missed the season due to injury and is considered to have great promise. Experienced reserves include utilityman Lou Piccone and Byron Franklin, who was a disappointment after the Bills picked him No. 2 last year. Mark Brammer, who functions chiefly as a blocker, is the tight end.

The Bills can be terrifying when they line up in the shotgun. Cribbs zinged Clay Matthews of Cleveland, one of the NFL's better linebackers, for five catches, 163 yards, and three touchdowns in a victory over the Browns.

The offensive line is young, deep, aggressive, and talented. The Bills led the NFL in fewest sacks allowed, 16, for the second consecutive year. The heaviest experience is tackle, with Joe Devlin and Ken Jones. After veteran Reggie McKenzie got hurt last year, Knox made a valuable trade with Seattle, acquiring Tom Lynch, one of the top guards in the league. McKenzie will have to battle to come back, since Jim Ritcher, who was injured during the first hour of last year's training camp, returns with an eye toward winning the job at left guard. Jon Borchardt, who started both at guard and tackle, is a sterling reserve. Will Grant is the center. Tim Vogler can play both center and guard, while Ritcher came to the Bills as a center.

Nick Mike-Mayer, who connected on just 14 of 24 field goals, is the vulnerable, incumbent place-kicker. The Bills drafted Gary Anderson of Syracuse, who kicked 18 of 19 field goals as a senior and also connected on 72 consecutive extra points during his collegiate career.

The saving grace on defense was the pass

Veteran quarterback Joe Ferguson (left) directs the Buffalo attack; defensive ends Ben Williams (#77) and Ken Johnson (#91) and linebacker Jim Haslett (#55) of Bills

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BILLS VETERAN ROSTER

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Age	NFL Exp.	College
87	Alvers, Steve	TE	6-4	240	25	2	Miami
84	Barnett, Buster	TE	6-5	225	24	2	Jackson St.
28	Bess, Rufus	CB	5-9	180	26	4	S.C. St.
73	Borchardt, Jon	T	6-5	255	25	4	Montana St.
14	Bradley, Gene	QB	6-4	199	25	1	Arkansas St.
86	Brammer, Mark	TE	6-3	235	24	3	Michigan St.
47	Brown, Curtis	FB	5-10	203	28	6	Missouri
80	Butler, Jerry	WR	6-0	178	25	4	Clemson
7	Cater, Greg	P	6-0	191	25	3	Chattanooga
56	Clark, Keith	LB	6-4	224	23	1	Memphis St.
29	Clark, Mario	CB	6-2	195	28	7	Oregon
20	Cribbs, Joe	RB	5-11	190	24	3	Auburn
63	Cross, Justin	T	6-6	262	23	1	Western St.
70	Devlin, Joe	T	6-5	250	28	7	Iowa
69	Dobler, Conrad	G	6-3	255	32	11	Wyoming
85	Franklin, Byron	WR	6-1	179	24	2	Auburn
12	Ferguson, Joe	QB	6-1	195	32	10	Arkansas
22	Freeman, Steve	SS	5-11	185	29	8	Miss. St.
	Garcia, Danny	WR	6-2	185	24	1	USC
79	Geathers, Robert	DE	6-6	280	25	1	S.C. St.
53	Grant, Will	C	6-4	248	28	5	Kentucky
55	Haslett, Jim	LB	6-3	232	27	4	Indiana (Pa.)
35	Holt, Robert	WR	6-1	174	23	1	Baylor
25	Hooks, Roland	RB	6-0	195	29	7	N.C. St.
50	Humiston, Mike	LB	6-3	238	23	2	Weber St.
97	Irvin, Darrell	DE	6-4	255	24	3	Oklahoma
81	Jessie, Ron	WR	6-0	181	34	12	Kansas
91	Johnson, Ken	DE	6-5	253	27	4	Knoxville
72	Jones, Ken	T	6-5	250	30	7	Arkansas St.
71	Kadish, Mike	NT	6-5	250	32	10	Notre Dame
52	Keating, Chris	LB	6-2	223	25	4	Maine
42	Kush, Rod	SS	6-0	188	26	3	Omaha
48	Leaks, Roosevelt	FB	5-10	225	29	8	Texas
82	Lewis, Frank	WR	6-1	196	35	12	Grambling
61	Lynch, Tom	G	6-5	250	27	6	Boston College
30	McCutcheon, Larry	FB	6-1	205	32	11	Colorado St.
67	McKenzie, Reggie	G	6-5	242	32	11	Michigan
5	Mike-Mayer, Nick	K	5-9	185	32	10	Temple
34	Moore, Booker	FB	5-11	229	23	1	Penn St.
88	Mosley, Mike	WR	6-1	186	24	1	Texas A&M
59	Nelson, Shane	LB	6-1	225	27	6	Baylor
38	Nixon, Jeff	FS	6-3	190	26	4	Richmond
62	Parker, Ervin	LB	6-5	240	24	3	S.C. St.
	Parrish, Lemar	DB	5-10	170	35	12	Lincoln
89	Piccone, Lou	WR	5-9	175	32	9	W. Liberty St.
40	Riddick, Robb	RB	6-0	195	25	2	Millersville
51	Ritcher, Jim	G	6-3	251	24	3	N.C. St.
58	Robertson, Isiah	LB	6-3	225	33	12	Southern
17	Robinson, Matt	QB	6-2	196	27	6	Georgia
26	Romes, Charles	CB	6-1	190	28	6	N.C. Central
99	Roopenian, Mark	DE	6-4	252	24	1	Boston College
57	Sanford, Lucius	LB	6-2	216	26	5	Georgia Tech
	Schmeding, John	OG	6-4	258	27	2	Boston College
45	Simpson, Bill	FS	6-1	191	31	8	Michigan St.
76	Smerlas, Fred	NT	6-3	270	25	4	Boston College
41	Villapiano, Phil	LB	6-2	225	33	12	Bowling Green
65	Vogler, Tim	C	6-3	245	26	4	Ohio St.
83	White, Sherman	DE	6-5	250	34	11	California
77	Williams, Ben	DE	6-3	245	28	7	Mississippi
27	Williams, Chris	CB	6-0	197	23	1	LSU

DRAFTEES

rd	name	pos	ht	wt	age	college
1	Tuttle, Perry	WR	6-0	178	23	Clemson
2	Kofler, Matt	QB	6-2	193	23	San Diego St.
3	Marve, Eugene	LB	6-3	230	22	Saginaw St.
4	Williams, Van	RB	6-0	210	23	Carson-Newman
6	Chivers, DeWayne	TE	6-5	232	23	South Carolina
7	Anderson, Gary	PK	5-9	159	23	Syracuse
8	Tousignant, Luc	OB	6-4	210	24	Fairmont St.
9	Edwards, Dennis	DT	6-3	242	23	USC
10	Victor, James	DB	5-11	191	21	Colorado
11	Kalil, Frank	OG	6-2	256	23	Arizona
12	Suber, Tony	DT	6-4	279	23	Gardner-Webb

rush. The Bills, who finished fourth in the NFL in pass defense, set a club record with 47 sacks. Only the Jets and Oakland had more. End Ben Williams, an underrated player, led the team for the second straight year with 10½ sacks. The other end, Sherman White, had eight, as did the young stallion the Bills bring into the game when they play a four-man line: Baby Johnson. Nose tackle Fred Smerlas, who ties up all the traffic in the middle, was the only Bills defender who made the Pro Bowl. It was his second straight appearance.

Jim Carmody, who did such a good job coaching Buffalo's line, went back to college football after the season as Southern Mississippi's head coach. He is replaced by another college coach, Arizona State defensive coordinator George Dyer.

Without Cousineau, the linebacking will remain mostly intact. Jim Haslett and Shane Nelson play the inside, while Lucious Sanford has a hold on the left outside job, although he did not have a strong year. The one change could occur at the right outside spot, where Ervin Parker is trying to muscle his Superman physique past veteran Butch Robertson.

The best addition to the defense is seasoned cornerback Lemar Parrish, acquired from Washington in a trade. He is unlikely to unseat either starter, Mario Clark or Charles Romes, whom Miami coach Don Shula thinks belongs in the Pro Bowl, but Lemar should help as an extra in a defense which uses a lot of nickle, dime, and seven-man converages.

The most efficient defensive back last year was strong safety Steve Freeman, who was involved in 81 plays on which he made the primary or only contact. He also had 55 assists. The free safety is Bill Simpson, who kept his job from Jeff Nixon, who made disappointing progress from a 1980 knee injury. Simpson made the game-saving interception which stopped the Jets' comeback in Buffalo's wild-card playoff victory. Rod Kush is a handy extra safety. He led the team in fumble recoveries with three, had five quarterback sacks, and played well in the extra coverages.

Punter Greg Cater became more consistent, but the Bills still get woeful production out of their punt and kickoff returns.

MIAMI DOLPHINS

This could be the season of Woodstrock for the Dolphins. Don Shula introduced, or reintroduced, the concept of relief pitching in pro football last year. It worked so well that Miami could use it successfully to defend its title in the AFC East. Winning the title was a surprise, since the Dolphins had finished a mere 8-8 the season before, then failed to sign their top draft choice.

"We outperformed the wildest expectations of all those Las Vegas oddsmakers," said guard Ed Newman. "When I tell my grandchildren about my career 30 years from now, this will be the season I point to."

The best may be yet to come for Newman and his colleagues, if Woodstrock works again. Woodstrock is Miami's hybrid quarterback: part David Woodley and part Don Strock.

Woodley, in his second pro season, was the nominal starter, and, in most cases, the finisher. When the Dolphins played Buffalo in the showdown game which meant the division championship, Woodley was an artist, scrambling away from the pass rush for 52 yards and passing for 137 in a 16-6 Miami victory.

Strock produced a classic moment in the history of the franchise when he rallied the Dolphins from a 24-0 deficit against San Diego in the playoffs. Entering the game in the second quarter, Strock lit up the Orange Bowl in one of the most exciting games ever played. He completed 29 passes in 43 attempts for 403 yards and four touchdowns. Ordinarily, that might have created some sort of ground swell for Strock as 1982's starting quarterback, even though San Diego won the game in overtime. But the Dolphins won 11 games with Woodley as the starter and Shula isn't likely to change.

It was Shula's creative use of his relatively meager offensive resources which sent Miami to the playoffs for the first time since 1974. To begin with, there wasn't a solid running attack. Shula tried to assemble one by drafting Oklahoma running back David Overstreet on the first round. At that time Nelson Skalbania had purchased the Montreal Alouettes and was spending Canadian money recklessly. Overstreet defected to Canada.

It didn't help, either, that Nat Moore, Miami's most reliable pass receiver, suffered from gimpy knees which kept him out of the lineup for long periods of time. Shula also had to operate with three tight ends: Joe Rose for pass receiving, Ronnie Lee for blocking, and Bruce Hardy for utility work.

The Dolphins played a large portion of the season without their best defensive back, corner Don McNeal, who broke his forearm; and the top pass rusher, Doug Betters, who suffered a staph infection the day before the showdown with the Bills. Shula also was forced to work in two new starters in the offensive line, center Dwight Stephenson and guard Jeff Toews, when veterans Mark Dennard and Bob Kuechenberg were injured in the last two months of the season.

Bills' receiver Frank Lewis set team records for catches and yards.

1981 LEADERS AND AFC RANKINGS

SCORING—von Schamann, 109 points on 24 field goals and 37 PAT's . . . 6th
RUSHING—Nathan, 147 carries for 782 yards, 5.3 avg., 5 TD's . . . 10th
PASSING—Woodley, 191 of 366 attempts for 2,470 yards, 12 TD's . . . 9th
RECEIVING—Harris, 53 receptions for 911 yards, 17.2 avg., 2 TD's . . . 15th
INTERCEPTIONS—G. Blackwood, 4 for 124 yards, 31.0 avg . . . 14th
PUNTING—Orosz, 83 punts, 40.8 avg., longest 61 yards . . . 7th
PUNT RETURNS—Vigorito, 36 for 379 yards, 10.5 avg., 1 TD . . . 4th
KICKOFF RETURNS—Walker, 38 for 932 yards, 24.5 avg., 1 TD . . . 2nd

PRESEASON SCHEDULE

August	14	WASHINGTON (N)
	21	At Denver (N)
	28	At Kansas City (N)
September	3	NEW YORK GIANTS (N)

1982 SCHEDULE / 1981 SCORES

September	12	At New York Jets	15-16
	19	BALTIMORE	27-10
	26	At Green Bay	—
October	3	At Cincinnati	—
	10	DETROIT	—
	17	NEW ENGLAND	24-14
	24	At Baltimore	31-28
	31	At Oakland	17-33
November	8	SAN DIEGO (N)	—
	14	CLEVELAND	—
	21	At Buffalo	21-31
	29	At Tampa Bay (N)	—
December	5	MINNESOTA	—
	12	At New England	30-27
	18	NEW YORK JETS	28-28 (OT)
	27	BUFFALO	16-6

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There should be smoother days in 1982. Shula's accomplishments shine even brighter when you inspect the statistics for last season. There was no 1,000-yard rusher and no receiver who caught 1,000 yards worth of passes. Between them Woodley and Strock didn't pass for 20 touchdowns. Woodley had 12 and 2,470 yards. Strock had six touchdowns and 901 yards.

But the Dolphins, through grit and good coaching, managed to get off to a fast start with four consecutive victories, then close with four straight wins, two of which were against playoff teams Philadelphia and Buffalo. The record further enhanced Shula's reputation as one of the top coaches of all time.

Tony Nathan gave the Dolphins his best pro season, leading the team in ground gaining with 782 yards, a 5.3-yard average, and five touchdowns. He caught 50 passes for three more scores. Rookie fullback Andra Franklin had an up-and-down season, but ended up with 711 yards and seven TD's. He's a tough short-yardage man. Eddie Hill, acquired from the Rams, and rookie Tommy Vigorito contributed outside speed. Vigorito also caught 33 passes, scored four times, and led the team in punt returns, one of which was an 87-yard TD.

Duriel Harris was the top pass catcher with 53 and a 17.2-yard average. Moore caught 26 for 17.2. The big help was from Jimmy Cefalo, who averaged 21.8 yards on his 29 catches and scored three times.

In the offensive line, guard Bob Kuechenberg is headed for the Hall of Fame, but he's 34 now, has been injured often, and Shula must think about an eventual replacement. The heir apparent is Roy Foster, the No. 1 draftee, from Southern California. The other guard, Ed Newman, made the Pro Bowl for the first time. Jon Giesler finally made it as a starting tackle opposite Eric Laakso. Cleveland Green and Jeff Toews are experienced offensive linemen.

Uwe von Schamann struggled in the playoff loss to San Diego, but he had a remarkable year as the place-kicker, connecting on 24 of 31 field goals. That included a 20-for-21 performance from inside the 40.

Defensively, nose tackle Bob Baumhower had a Pro Bowl year. He recorded a team-high nine sacks, led the linemen in tackles with 90, recovered three fumbles and forced another. With end Vern den Herder retired, there is pressure on Kim Bokamper to produce as a full-time player. The former linebacker has been used mostly against the pass. He had 7½ sacks last year. The other end is Doug Betters.

Inside linebacker Earnie Rhone, one of the league's most underrated players, led the Dolphins with 171 tackles, including 120 initial hits. He also defensed nine passes and intercepted three. In a surprise move, defensive coordinator Bill Arnsparger shifted former lineman A.J. Duhe to inside backer. Duhe responded in his Ted Hendricks-like role with 110 tackles, second on the team, and 7½ sacks. After a rough start, ex-Ram Bob Brudzinski contributed as an outside linebacker. His opposite number is Larry Gordon.

Miami finished 19th in the NFL in pass defense. Other than McNeal, there is no

Quarterback David Woodley (top), center Mark Dennard (#63) and Pro Bowl guard Ed Newman (#64), and standout defensive tackle Bob Baumhower (#73) of the Dolphins

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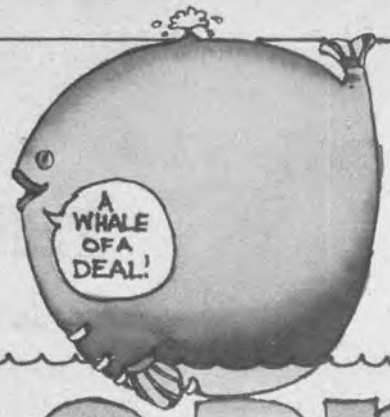

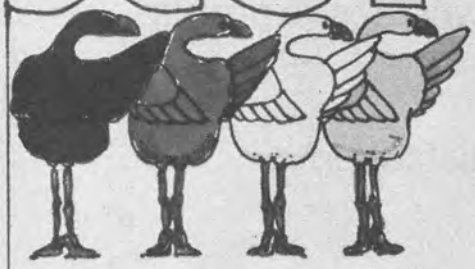

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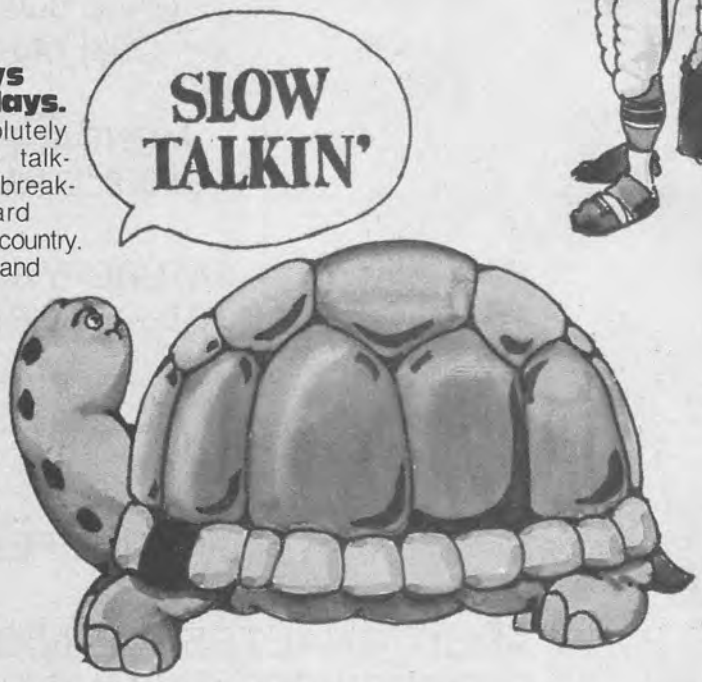

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overflow of talent in the secondary. The Blackwood brothers, Glenn at strong side and Lyle at free, are the starting safeties. Gerald Small is the right corner. Fulton Walker replaced the injured McNeal at left corner.

Rookie Tom Orosz beat out George Roberts for the punting job and averaged 40.8 yards. The bright spot was his 21 kicks inside the 20-yard line.

After Foster, the Dolphins drafted the fastest player in the draft, Northwest Louisiana wide receiver Mark Duper. They already have a nickname picked out, of course: Super Duper. After Duper came Duke linebacker Charles Bowser, defensive tackle Bob Nelson from the nearby University of Miami, and Yale tailback Rich Diana.

DOLPHINS VETERAN ROSTER

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Age	NFL Exp.	College
88	Bailey, Elmer	WR	6-0	195	25	3	Minnesota
70	Barnett, Bill	DE	6-4	260	26	3	Nebraska
73	Baumhower, Bob	DT	6-5	260	27	6	Alabama
34	Bennett, Woody	FB	6-2	222	27	4	Miami
46	Bessillieu, Don	S	6-1	200	26	4	Georgia Tech
75	Betters, Doug	DE	6-7	260	26	5	Nevada-Reno
47	Blackwood, Glenn	S	6-0	186	25	4	Texas
42	Blackwood, Lyle	S	6-1	188	31	10	TCU
58	Bokamper, Kim	DE	6-6	250	28	6	San Jose St.
59	Brudzinski, Bob	LB	6-4	230	27	6	Ohio St.
81	Cefalo, Jimmy	WR	5-11	188	26	5	Penn St.
	Cunningham, Eric	G	6-3	257	25	3	Penn St.
	Darby, Paul	WR	5-10	192	26	3	SW Texas St.
63	Dennard, Mark	C	6-1	252	27	4	Texas A&M
77	Duhe, A.J.	LB	6-4	248	27	6	LSU
37	Franklin, Andra	FB	5-10	225	23	2	Nebraska
79	Giesler, Jon	T	6-4	260	26	4	Michigan
50	Gordon, Larry	LB	6-4	230	28	7	Arizona St.
74	Green, Cleveland	T	6-3	262	25	4	Southern
84	Hardy, Bruce	TE	6-4	230	26	5	Arizona St.
82	Harris, Duriel	WR	5-11	176	28	7	New Mexico St.
31	Hill, Eddie	RB	6-2	210	25	4	Memphis St.
11	Jensen, Jim	QB	6-4	212	24	2	Boston U.
40	Kozlowski, Mike	S	6-0	198	26	3	Colorado
67	Kuechenberg, Bob	G	6-2	255	35	13	Notre Dame
68	Laakso, Eric	T	6-4	265	26	5	Tulane
86	Lee, Ronnie	TE	6-3	236	26	4	Baylor
28	McNeal, Don	CB	5-11	192	24	3	Alabama
89	Moore, Nat	WR	5-9	188	31	9	Florida
22	Nathan, Tony	RB	6-0	206	26	4	Alabama
64	Newman, Ed	G	6-2	255	31	10	Duke
3	Orosz, Tom	P	6-1	204	23	2	Ohio St.
78	Poole, Ken	DE	6-3	251	24	2	NE Louisiana
54	Potter, Steve	LB	6-3	235	25	2	Virginia
43	Ray, Ricky	CB	5-11	180	25	4	Norfolk St.
55	Rhone, Earnie	LB	6-2	224	29	7	Henderson
38	Robiskie, Terry	FB	6-1	210	28	5	LSU
80	Rose, Joe	TE	6-3	230	25	3	California
52	Shull, Steve	LB	6-1	220	24	3	William & Mary
48	Small, Gerald	CB	5-11	192	26	5	San Jose St.
57	Stephenson, Dwight	C	6-2	255	25	3	Alabama
10	Strock, Don	QB	6-5	220	32	9	Virginia Tech
45	Taylor, Ed	CB	6-0	175	29	8	Memphis St.
60	Toews, Jeff	G	6-3	255	25	4	Washington
32	Vigorito, Tom	RB	5-10	197	23	2	Virginia
5	von Schamann, Uwe	K	6-0	188	26	4	Oklahoma
41	Walker, Fulton	CB	5-10	193	24	2	West Virginia
16	Woodley, David	QB	6-2	204	24	3	LSU

DRAFTEES

rd	name	pos	ht	wt	age	College
1	Foster, Roy	G	6-4	279	22	Southern Cal.
2	Duper, Mark	WR	5-9	184	23	NW LA.
3	Lankford, Paul	CB	6-1	178	24	Penn St.
4	Bowser, Charles	LB	6-3	224	23	Duke
5	Nelson, Bob	DT	6-3	260	23	Miami
5	Diana, Rich	RB	5-9	220	22	Yale
6	Tutson, Thomas	CB	6-1	188	24	S.C. St.
6	Hester, Ron	LB	6-1	218	23	Florida St.
7	Johnson, Dan	TE	6-3	234	22	Iowa St.
7	Cowan, Larry	RB	5-11	194	22	Jackson St.
8	Randle, Tate	S	6-0	197	23	Texas Tech
9	Clark, Steve	DE	6-4	255	22	Utah
9	Boatner, Mack	FB	6-0	222	23	SE LA.
10	Fisher, Robin	LB	6-0	231	22	Florida
10	Jones, Wayne	C-T	6-4	273	22	Utah
11	Crum, Gary	T	6-5	277	23	Wyoming
12	Rodrigue, Mike	WR	6-0	184	22	Miami

NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS

The Patriots have instituted their own New Deal for 1983. They should be able to measure their improvement by Sunday, September 12, the opening day of the 1982 regular season. They will play the Colts in Baltimore that day. That's the same team which beat them last December 20, the last day of the 1982 season, in the infamous Stupor Bowl when, by losing, the Pats qualified for the first pick in the NFL draft by finishing dead last in the entire league.

Three factors should help take the sting out of the Patriots' last-place finish:

1. They may have been the strongest NFL team ever to finish last. Many people had picked them to win the AFC East last year, especially after the Pats went through their preseason schedule undefeated.

2. Not only did they have the first pick in the draft, but many others besides, as the result of general manager Bucko Kilroy's trading of retired tight end Russ Francis to San Francisco and safety Tim Fox to San Diego.

3. They hired Dick Steinberg, one of the most astute talent analysts in pro football, to do their drafting for them and, despite their reputation for poor management, the Pats got out of Steinberg's way and allowed him to do his job.

It would not surprise any NFL insider if the Patriots made a run at a playoff position this season. There is a qualification concerning that possibility. It's the question of whether the new coach, Ron Meyer, can cope with pro football, even though he inherits a squad with a nucleus of high-caliber players: guard John Hannah, wide receiver Stanley Morgan, center Pete Brock, linebacker Steve Nelson, and defensive backs Raymond Clayborn and Mike Haynes.

The appointment of Meyer seemed to be a

Linebacker A.J. Duhe (#77) and running backs Tony Nathan (#22) and Andra Franklin (left) of Miami; fullback Sam Cunningham and linebacker Steve Nelson (#57) of Pats

1981 LEADERS AND AFC RANKINGS

SCORING—Smith, 82 points on 15 field goals and 37 PAT's...9th
RUSHING—Collins, 204 carries for 873 yards, 4.3 avg., 7 TD's...8th
PASSING—Grogan, 117 of 216 attempts for 1,859 yards, 7 TD's...13th
RECEIVING—Hasselbeck, 46 receptions for 808 yards, 17.6 avg., 6 TD's...23rd
INTERCEPTIONS—Sanford, 3 for 28 yards, 9.3 avg...36th
PUNTING—Camarillo, 47 punts, 41.7 avg., longest 75 yards...5th
PUNT RETURNS—Morgan, 15 for 116 yards, 7.7 avg...no ranking
KICKOFF RETURNS—Collins, 39 for 773 yards, 19.8 avg...16th

PRESEASON SCHEDULE

August	14	Pittsburgh (at Knoxville, TN, N)
	20	At Philadelphia
	28	At Dallas (N)
September	4	GREEN BAY

1982 SCHEDULE			1981 SCORES
September	12	At Baltimore	21-23
	19	NEW YORK JETS	6-17
	26	SEATTLE	—
October	3	At Buffalo	17-20
	10	CINCINNATI	—
	17	At Miami	14-24
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	14	BUFFALO	10-19
	21	At Cleveland	—
	28	HOUSTON	38-10
December	5	At Chicago	—
	12	MIAMI	27-30 (OT)
	19	At Seattle	—
	26	At Pittsburgh	21-27 (OT)

strange one to a lot of NFL people, mainly because he coached a running offense at Southern Methodist and this is an era in which NFL winners live by the pass. Then Meyer hired a platoon of college coaches, most of them from his former staffs at SMU, before he sought to hire coaches with pro experience as his offensive and defensive coordinators. Meyer interviewed a parade of pro coaches, all of whom turned him down. Privately they felt they would be distracted from their main job by having to instruct the colleges guys in the nuances of pro football. Meyer settled on Lew Erber, the ex-Oakland Raider assistant, as his offensive coordinator, then hired Seattle defensive line coach, Jim Mora, as his defensive coordinator.

Most pro coaches, at least the good ones, welcome the infusion of college coaches, who bring fresh thinking and new approaches. But the Pats may have too many of them. Nevertheless, the new coaches will have a lot of fresh college talent with which to work, thanks to Steinberg.

The most obvious newcomer is Ken Sims, the Texas defensive end whom the Pats made the No. 1 pick in the draft. He should be an immediate starter in a defense which ranked last in the NFL against the run. Lester Williams of Miami of Florida, selected with the first-round choice the Pats received from San Francisco as part of the Francis deal, should be the starting nose tackle. With Nelson and Mike Hawkins the only established linebackers, Meyer should find other starters from among rookies Andre Tippett of Iowa, Clayton Weishuhn of Angelo State, and Brian Ingram of Tennessee.

Arizona State running back Robert Weathers is a sound bet to replace the battered and aging Sam Cunningham, who gained just 269 yards after he rejoined the team in the fourth game after sitting out more than a season. Steinberg used other high picks to add Duke wide receiver Cedric Jones, Utah guard Darryl Haley, and defensive end George Crump of East Carolina.

Defensively, rather than it being a case in which the rookies must prove they belong with the veterans, it should turn out to be the vets who must prove they belong with the kids—at least among the linemen and linebackers. In the line, 34-year-old Julius Adams, Richard Bishop, and Ray Hamilton will battle for work with Sims and Williams. Pass rush ace Tony McGee should be able to do his specialty. One starting linebacker, Rod Shoate, was traded to Chicago. That leaves Hawkins and Nelson on the left,

The 1982 No. 1 draft pick, Ken Sims (top left), tight end Don Hasselbeck (#80), wide receiver Stanley Morgan (#86), guard John Hannah (#73), and quarterback Steve Grogan (#14) of New England

with the kids competing against inside backer Bob Golic for a starting job and the rest battling for reserve work with Steve King, Bill Matthews, John Zamberlin, and Don Blackmon.

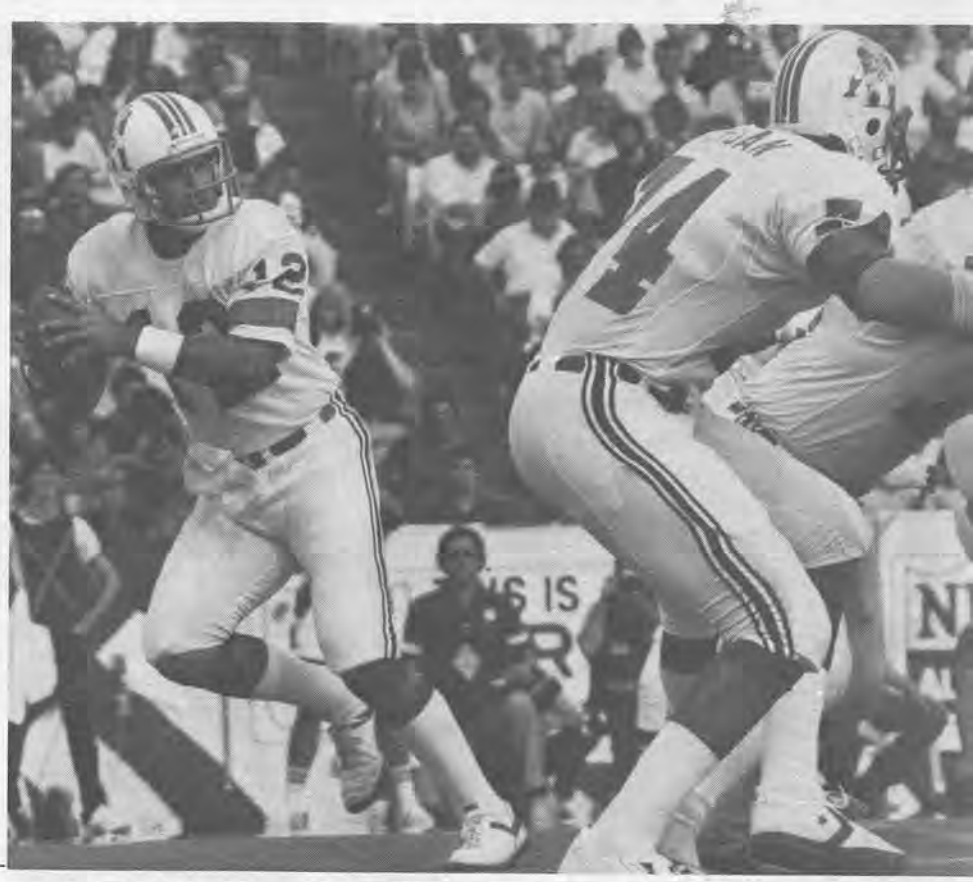
Even with Fox gone, there is strength in the secondary. Roland James is the designated successor to Fox at free safety. Rick Sanford remains at strong safety, with Raymond Clayborn and Haynes at the corners, backed up by Keith Lee and Paul Dombrowski.

Offensively, the big question is who will win the limpoff between quarterbacks Steve Grogan and Matt Cavanaugh? There will be no more sharing the job.

"I believe in the one-quarterback system and deciding upon the quarterback assignment will be one of our chief priorities in training camp," says Meyer.

Neither Grogan or Cavanaugh may survive to play if the Pats can't find a way to keep the New York Jets' pair of assassins, Joe Klecko and Mark Gastineau, off their necks. Cavanaugh and Grogan were sacked a total of 16 times by the Jets in two meetings last year. The Pats allowed 45 sacks in all. Part of it was due to their quarterbacks' lack of mobility. Grogan threw for 1,859 yards, but he had the highest interception rate in the NFL. Cavanaugh had the third highest.

It isn't the targets. Pro Bowler Morgan averaged 23.4 yards on his 44 catches, gained 1,029 yards, and caught six touchdown passes.



Quarterback Matt Cavanaugh will again battle for Pats' starting job.

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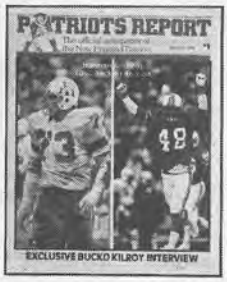

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23	Donnalley, Kevin	DB	6-0	178	23	2	N. Dak. St.
43	Ferguson, Vagas	RB	6-1	194	24	3	Notre Dame
51	Golic, Bob	LB	6-2	240	24	3	Notre Dame
14	Grogan, Steve	QB	6-4	208	29	8	Kansas St.
71	Hamilton, Ray	NT	6-1	245	31	10	Oklahoma
73	Hannah, John	OG	6-2	265	31	10	Alabama
80	Hasselbeck, Don	TE	6-7	245	27	6	Colorado
59	Hawkins, Mike	LB	6-2	232	26	5	Texas A&I
40	Haynes, Mike	CB	6-2	195	28	7	Arizona St.
76	Holloway, Brian	OT	6-7	273	23	2	Stanford
38	James, Roland	DB	6-2	189	24	3	Tennessee
32	Johnson, Andy	RB	6-0	204	29	8	Georgia
74	Jordan, Shelby	OT	6-7	260	28	7	Wash (MO)
52	King, Steve	LB	6-4	230	31	10	Tulsa
22	Lee, Keith	DB	5-11	192	23	2	Colorado St.
67	Lenkaitis, Bill	OC	6-4	255	36	15	Penn St.
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78	McGee, Tony	DE	6-4	250	33	12	Bishop
50	McGrew, Larry	LB	6-4	231	24	3	USC
86	Morgan, Stanley	WR	5-11	180	27	6	Tennessee
57	Nelson, Steve	LB	6-2	230	30	9	N. Dak. St.
17	Owen, Tom	QB	6-1	194	30	9	Wichita St.
88	Pennywell, Carlos	WR	6-2	180	26	5	Grambling
25	Sanford, Rick	DB	6-1	192	25	4	So. Carolina
1	Smith, John	K	6-0	185	30	9	Sohamp. (Eng.)
30	Tatupu, Mosi	RB	6-0	229	26	5	USC
68	Tautolo, John	OT	6-3	260	23	2	UCLA
82	Toler, Ken	WR	6-2	195	23	2	Mississippi
34	Villella, Rich	RB	5-11	197	23	2	Brown
83	Westbrook, Don	WR	5-10	185	27	6	Nebraska
62	Wheeler, Dwight	OT	6-3	255	25	4	Tenn St.
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61	Wooten, Ron	OG	6-4	257	23	2	North Carolina
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2	Haley, Darryl	OT	6-4	279	22	Utah
3	Jones, Cedric	WR/KR	5-11	183	21	Duke
3	Weishuhn, Clayton	LB	6-2	218	22	Angelo St.
4	Crump, George	DE	6-4	260	21	East Carolina
4	Ingram, Brian	LB	6-4	230	22	Tennessee
5	Marion, Fred	FS	6-2	196	22	Miami
6	Smith, Ricky	CB	6-0	174	22	Alabama St.
7	Roberts, Jeff	LB	6-2	234	22	Tulane
8	Collins, Ken	LB	6-2	236	21	Wash. St.
9	Murdock, Kelvin	WR	6-0	166	22	Troy St.
10	Clark, Brian	PK	6-2	198	21	Florida
11	Sandon, Steve	QB	6-3	206	22	N. Iowa
12	Taylor, Greg	WR/KR	5-8	175	22	Virginia

Defensive end Julius Adams (#85), running back Anthony Collins (#33), center Pete Brock (above), defensive end Tony McGee (#78), and defensive back Mike Haynes (#40) hope to lead New England to the playoffs.

Don Hasselbeck, replacing Francis at tight end, was among the best at his position with a club-leading 46 catches for six touchdowns and a 17.6-yard average. Aging Harold Jackson didn't catch a touchdown pass last year and he was released in June. Don Westbrook, Ken Toler, rookie Jones, and Carlos Pennywell compete for his spot.

The offensive line had a shaking out last year. Pete Brock replaced Bill Lenkaitis at center after four years of understudying. Brian Holloway, last year's first-round draft pick, moved into the starting lineup at left tackle ahead of Dwight Wheeler for the last five games. Guard Bob Cryder and tackle Shelby Jordan are on the right side, but Haley, once a basketball player at Utah, could insert himself somewhere. The prize is Hannah, again voted the best offensive lineman in the NFL by his peers. The run-oriented new college coaches should be able to make the most of his devastating blocking.

Anthony Collins led the Pats in rushing as a rookie with 873 yards, but he began fumbling and lost his job to Vagas Ferguson by mid-November. Collins has breakaway speed. Andy Johnson is the designated pass-catching halfback when the Pats are in long-yardage situations. He had 39 receptions last year. Collins 26, most of them early in the year.

Rich Camarillo was the third Patriot punter of the season, but he averaged 41.7 yards on his 47 kicks and was picked for the all-rookie team. Place-kicker John Smith slipped from his Pro Bowl reputation, connecting only 15 times in 24 attempts.

"How committed is our team?" asks Meyer. A fair question considering that New England won only twice all last season and finished with a nine-game losing streak. The new coach's first project is to build up the Pats' attitude.

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BALTIMORE COLTS

Frank Kush, the Colts' new coach, is direct and to the point.

"There will be no more 'Bert Jones's team' here," he said late last spring. "There will be no more 'Johnny Unitas's team.' "

That's part of the trouble in Baltimore. The fans have been living with spirits too long. They worship ghosts on Chesapeake Bay. They scorned Jones and his brand of Colt football because he didn't measure up, in their perception, to the Johnny Unitas Colts. Jones is gone now, traded to the Los Angeles Rams for some healing draft choices. Now Kush aims to cleanse Municipal Stadium of Unitas and other ghosts, keeping them in the Hall of Fame where they belong.

This should be a new kind of Baltimore team, one welded in the image of Kush himself, a tough Western Pennsylvania mill-town guy.

"I know people will come to games expecting me to sock someone," says Kush, who was accused of physically abusing a punter at Arizona State, "but I'll just have to live with that."

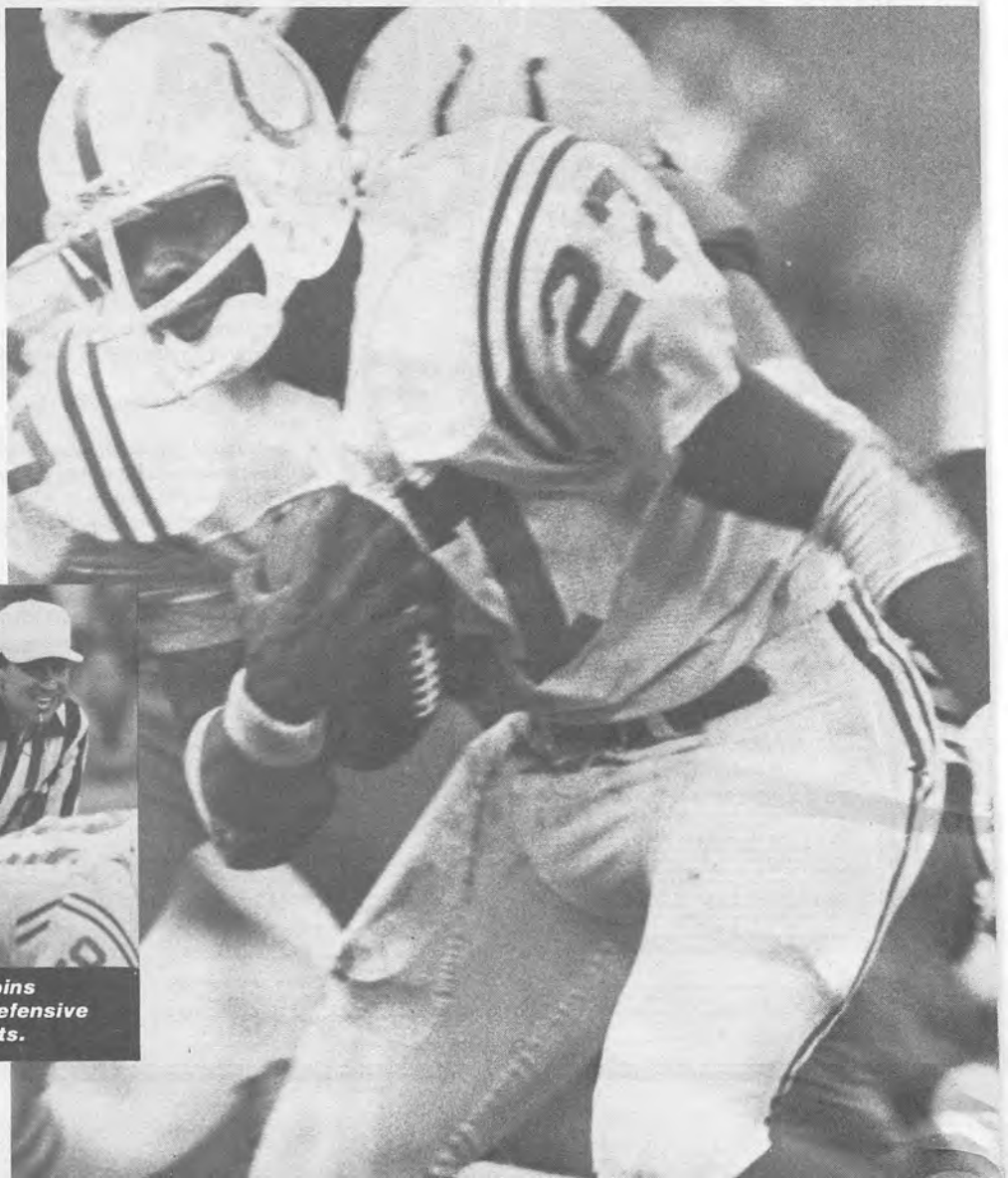
1981 LEADERS AND AFC RANKINGS

SCORING—Dickey, 60 points on 10 touchdowns . . . T17th
RUSHING—Dickey, 164 carries for 779 yards, 4.8 avg., 7 TD's . . . 11th
PASSING—Jones, 244 of 426 attempts for 3,094 yards, 21 TD's . . . 7th
RECEIVING—McMillan, 50 receptions for 466 yards, 9.3 avg., 1 TD . . . 19th
INTERCEPTIONS—Laird, 3 for 59 yards, 19.7 avg. . . 28th
PUNTING—Cater, 80 punts, 39.7 avg., longest 71 yards . . . 11th
PUNT RETURNS—Shula, 10 for 50 yards, 5.0 avg. . . no ranking
KICKOFF RETURNS—Dixon, 36 for 737 yards, 20.5 avg. . . 13th

PRESEASON SCHEDULE

August	7	Minnesota (Hall of Fame game at Canton, OH)
	14	NEW YORK GIANTS (N)
	21	Atlanta (Tempe, AZ, N)
	28	At Pittsburgh (N)
September	4	At Chicago (N)

1982 SCHEDULE			1981 SCORES
September	12	NEW ENGLAND	23-21
	19	At Miami	10-27
	26	NEW YORK JETS	14-41
October	3	At Detroit	—
	10	BUFFALO	3-35
	17	At Cleveland	28-42
	24	MIAMI	28-31
	31	TAMPA BAY	—
November	7	At New England	29-28
	14	OAKLAND	—
	21	At New York Jets	0-25
	28	At Buffalo	17-23
December	5	CINCINNATI	19-41
	12	At Minnesota	—
	19	GREEN BAY	—
	26	At San Diego	14-43



New quarterback Art Schlichter (#10) joins running back Curtis Dickey (#27) and defensive end Hosea Taylor (#90) on the 1982 Colts.

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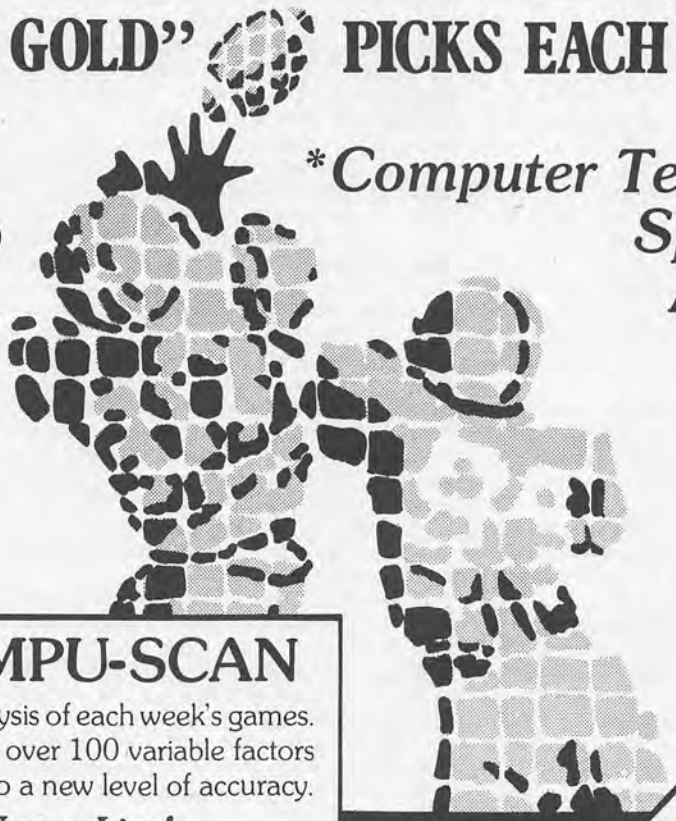

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His past troubles do not inhibit him in coaching by the philosophy which he always has used. He believes in discipline and thinks that the pros yearn for it just as much, if not more, than the collegians.

"I think this organization is ripe for my type of approach," he says. "Somewhere along the line, the players lost the burning desire to excel and be successful."

The Colts suffered through their all-time worst record, 2-14. The two victories came in the first and last games of the season against the even more woeful New England Patriots. The low finish and the trade of Jones gave the Colts a number of premium draft choices, which they seemed to have made the most of.

"I think the Colts may have come up with four starters in the first several rounds," said Eddie LeBaron, the Atlanta Falcons' general manager, in salute. He meant Mississippi State linebacker Johnnie Cooks, Ohio State quarterback Art Schlichter, Penn State nose tackle Leo Wisniewski, and Michigan State defensive back Jim Burroughs.

If Cooks, Wisniewski, and Burroughs can't walk directly into the starting lineup it will be a disappointment. The Colts finished last in the NFL in defense last year. They gave up 533 points. Only one other team surrendered as many as 400. They allowed an average of 424 yards total offense per game and 6.1 yards per play. Opponents had better than a 50-50 chance to convert a third-down opportunity against them. The Colts sacked opposing quarterbacks only 13 times, and enemy passers completed 61.3 percent of their throws against Baltimore.

"The most important thing on defense," says Kush, "is the wanting, the willingness to get to the football, and I see some signs that this is not one of the premier thoughts on some of the players' minds."

Wisniewski is an example of someone with that kind of thought foremost in his mind. The tough Nittany Lion faced Southern California guard Roy Foster, Miami's first-round pick, in the Fiesta Bowl and then in a postseason game, and outplayed him both times. Cooks should be the sort of linebacker the Colts thought Barry Krauss would be when they made him an equally high pick four years ago.

Kush singled out three veteran defensive backs, Nesby Glasgow, Larry Braziel, and Derrick Hatchett, for praise after he reviewed the 1981 films. That constituted rare praise for the trio and a goodbye for the fourth member of the defensive secondary, veteran strong safety Bruce Laird, who was sent to San Diego. So Burroughs might figure in that position.

As for Schlichter, the moment is there to be seized, with Jones gone. The Ohio State star is durable. He started 47 consecutive games for the Buckeyes. He is highly skilled. He comes from good competition. The Colts drafted him in Round 1, then selected Mike Pagel not long afterwards, in Round 4. Pagel was recruited by Kush himself at Arizona State and the coach admires the young quarterback very much.

"My offensive philosophy is to have a balanced type of attack and not put too much pressure on any one individual," says Kush.

That means Curtis Dickey will get to catch the ball as well as run it. Life may be brighter for him now that Jones is gone. They weren't pals. Randy McMillan, who led the pass receivers with 50 catches as a rookie fullback, hasn't been fully exploited yet. He may be this year.

Raymond Butler had his best season as a starting wide receiver with 46 catches, nine touchdowns, and an 18.1-yard per-catch average. But wide receiver Roger Carr (38 catches, 15.4-yard average, and 3 TD's) and tight end Reese McCall (21 catches, 15.0, 2 TD's) may not have enough intensity for Kush.

What the Colts have to work on is more efficient ball control. Their average for 1981 was 26 minutes, 28 seconds of possession, worst in the league. That's far from enough to help a beleaguered defense.

The offensive line allowed 37 sacks, not great but halfway decent considering the number of times Baltimore trailed and the enemy knew a pass was coming. The line could mature this season. The guards, Robert Pratt and Ken Huff, have been together for a long time and the tackles, Jeff Hart and Wade Griffin, are maturing. Ray Donaldson broke into the lineup as last year's center. The offensive bench is very thin.

If Wisniewski can provide an immediate spark in the defensive line, it should help Donnell Thompson, a first-round draft choice a year ago. Hosea Taylor has no particular hold on the job at right end. Bubba Green had a few moments as the rookie nose tackle.

Cooks is in the position of the proverbial 500-pound gorilla among the linebackers. Where will he play? Anywhere he wants to. Or, more succinctly, anywhere Kush wants him to play, probably inside in the 3-4. Of the two experienced inside backers, Ed Simonini is too small and Barry Krauss far too inconsistent. The Colts have been waiting so long for outside linebackers Sanders Shriver and Mike Woods to produce, it's become a joke.

One of the best new defensive weapons may be the punting of Rohn Stark, the rookie from Florida State. The Colts used a second-round draft choice to get him and it looks like something well spent since Stark is often compared to Ray Guy. A decathlon competitor, Stark is a good athlete, like Guy, and he booms his punts high, also like the Oakland ace. Placekicker Mike Wood was 10-18 in field goals, which makes him susceptible to a challenge. And there are jobs open for punt- and kickoff-return specialists, as well as for any player who wants to sacrifice his body to convince Kush he's a winner.

Baltimore linebacker Sanders Shiver stops the Dolphins' Tony Nathan.

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THE DEFENSE NEVER RESTS

The glamour of defense once reflected in the toothless grin of Ray Nitschke, the merciless scowl of Dick Butkus, the relentless charge of Joe Greene has been buried in an avalanche of rules since 1977. Once, defenders were an altogether proper part of football. Now they are more like props.

Once, they could discourage holding with a slap to the helmet of the guilty offensive lineman. Now they not only must keep their forearms to themselves, they must allow the offensive linemen to reach out, to push, to grab. They play dance partner to the blocker, who must protect the game's hero, the quarterback.

Once, linebackers and defensive backs could disrupt the concentration of pass receivers with a friendly jolt or three. Now they practically escort the receiver to his destination. Hands off, please, or risk the yellow flag.

Action is the name of the game, not reaction. Great defense means the scoreboard doesn't light up, the cannons don't go off, the cheerleaders don't cheer. Who will pay for that? We want touchdowns, said the owners. Touchdowns give television more natural commercial breaks.

Yet defense had won Super Bowl XVI. For once, San Francisco nose guard Archie Reese found himself on top of the pile, lying face up in the end zone, arms outstretched, basking in triumph. The 49ers had just stuffed Pete Johnson and the Cincinnati Bengals at the goal line.

Defense had put the 49ers there in the first place. Coach Bill Walsh and his multiple offense deserved tremendous credit, and got it. But truth is, Walsh and his offense have been around for some time. Not until the 49ers jumped from 27th in the league in defense to 2nd did they make it to the Super Bowl. During the season, their offense actually dipped from 12th to 13th.

by DON PIERSON

The 49ers were not the only team to demonstrate that defense isn't dead yet. The New York Giants mocked the rulesmakers by finishing dead last in the league in offense and still making the playoffs. How? They jumped from 24th to 3rd in defense.

The New York Jets proved it is still possible to rush the passer. Their New York Sack Exchange dumped quarterbacks 66 times. The Jets' defense rose from 20th to 5th and they made the playoffs. Their offense improved from 20th to 15th.

The Tampa Bay Buccaneers, like the Giants and 49ers, failed to improve on offense yet made the playoffs. Why? Their defense improved from 20th to 13th.

Seven of the ten playoff teams ranked higher on defense than they did on offense. The Bengals were an exception, sliding from 9th to 12th in defense—still above average—and leaping from 19th to 2nd in offense.

The San Diego Chargers once again found that an unstoppable offense is no substitute for a stoppable defense. They hired defensive coach Jack Pardee to make a decent defense great. Instead, they sank to 27th in the league and, for the second year in a row, their No. 1-ranked offense failed to carry them to the Super Bowl. Pardee found himself out of a job.

Why have the Pittsburgh Steelers become mortal? It is not because their offense has failed to keep pace with the times; it is because their once-dominant defense failed to overcome the times. The Steel Curtain folded.

Don't misunderstand. Defense is not exactly alive and kicking. If it were, rulesmakers probably would find a way to put it back in its place. In fact, defensive coaches don't even want to admit their craft might be making a comeback for fear the owners might accuse them of heresy.

"I can think of a couple more rules that would hurt us, but I'm not going to say what they are," said Cincinnati defensive coordinator Hank Bullough.

Offense is up in nearly every statistical category for the fifth straight year. A record 61 percent of all yardage gained in 1981 was by passing. Scoring increased again, too. But the rate of increase is no longer so great. The number of touchdown passes actually decreased from 1980 to 1981. Once, a 300-yard passing game was an occasion for celebration. Now, if you don't have a quarterback capable of a 300-yard game at any time, it is an occasion for despair. In 1977, there were only five 300-yard passing games. Last year, there were 56. Yet look at the rate of increase. The progression for the last five seasons has been 5-15-44-54-56. Is the trend peaking out?

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San Francisco, with an improved pass rush that featured a former No. 1 draft choice, Jim Stuckey (#79), and a former San Diego Charger, Fred Dean, won Super Bowl XVI.

Far from rendering defense obsolete, an increased emphasis on offense has put defensive players and coaches at a premium:

When Los Angeles dropped from 4th to 8th in the league, hardly a catastrophe, defensive coordinator Bud Carson was one of the several assistants fired. He was quickly rehired by Baltimore, a team that finished 28th in defense. Carson was luckier than Pardee.

Houston dropped from the playoff picture when both offense and defense suffered collapses in the ratings. The offensive coach still works there.

In Chicago, where the Bears finished last in the NFC Central Division standings, owner George Halas was so impressed with the play of the defense that he rehired coordinator Buddy Ryan before hiring head coach Mike Ditka. He even called two press conferences on the subject of Ryan's return.

The draft was hailed as the year of the running backs and offensive linemen. Of the 27 first-round choices, 18 were offensive players. Yet who were the first three? New England took defensive tackle Kenneth Sims. Baltimore grabbed linebacker Johnie Cooks. Cleveland chose linebacker Chip Banks.

Of the Patriots' first 13 choices, 10 were on defense. After falling to 25th in the league in defense, they decided Sims wouldn't be enough to lift them. The Colts had three selections among the first 28 and made two of them defenders. Four of their first five players were defenders, including a punter.

Cleveland discovered what San Diego has known: you can't win with offense alone. The Browns spent a bundle to lure linebacker Tom Cousineau from Buffalo before the draft. But that wasn't enough. They took Banks and selected Texas A & M defensive end Keith Baldwin in the second round.

The Bengals opened their draft by taking two defensive linemen, Mississippi State's Glen Collins and South Carolina's Emanuel Weaver.

The Chargers had only five draft choices. They used them all on defense.

Everybody recognized the immediate impact rookies had on defenses last year. The 49ers started three rookie defensive backs: Ronnie Lott, Eric Wright, and Carlton Williamson. Linebacker Lawrence Taylor became all-world for the Giants. Linebacker Hugh Green instantly improved the Buccaneers. Two free agent rookies, Everson Walls and Michael Downs, starred in the shaky secondary of the Dallas Cowboys.

The 49ers figured it was essential to cover the receivers. Others feel it is paramount to rush the passer. Either way, the idea is to do something, anything, to stem the offensive tide.

The trend is to multiple defenses in order to combat multiple offenses. Defenses used to be categorized by two fronts: the four-man line and the three-man line. Now, ask a defensive coach how he lines up and he'll ask, "What down?" The 49ers are supposed to be a 3-4 defense, but who is their all-pro? The fourth man, Fred Dean, plays only on passing downs.

The New York Giants finished last in the NFL in offense last year but improved from 24th to 3rd in the league in defense and celebrated with a wild-card playoff berth.

Linebackers used to be rated according to their ability to cover the pass as well as stuff the run. Now, many of them don't have to worry about the pass. San Francisco's Jack Reynolds, for instance, is basically a two-down player.

"You're stupid if a team lines up four wide receivers and you try to stop them with linebackers," said Chicago's Ryan. The Bears beat the Chargers last year with a five-man rush, one linebacker, and five defensive backs. The next week, the Bengals borrowed the Bears' film and did the same thing.

San Francisco defensive coach Chuck Studley isn't at all sure that defense is catching up with offense.

"I used to think defense started up front. But with the rules changes that slow the pass rush and keep from rerouting the receiver, the stress is on pass coverage. You better be able to cover [now] because [the quarterback is] going to get time.

"Two years ago, we made a pass rusher, Jim Stuckey, our No. 1 draft choice. It had minimal effect. The following year, we had

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Chicago's Al Harris (top) applies the defensive pressure to quarterback Tommy Kramer; Cleveland's defense gains linebacker Tom Cousineau (above) from Canada.

to decide what to do. Our pass rush was still in the rebuilding stage. But we went for coverage people and it worked. I'm beginning to think defense begins on the perimeters."

The Patriots thought the same thing when they assembled five No. 1 draft choices for their defensive backfield. They soon discovered, however, that they couldn't completely overcome the lack of a pass rush. Taylor made the Giants effective by blitzing, and the Jets' front four did it by lining up conventionally. Both proved there is nothing like old-fashioned pressure, if it works. The 49ers stopped Taylor by pulling a guard to block him in the playoffs.

"The only way to contain the passing game is to get pressure on the passer," says Chicago's Ryan. "If the quarterback gets time, he is bound to find his receivers. Almost everybody goes to a four-man rush on passing downs." In the Bears' case, they often rush five men, including Al Harris, who has the speed to cover receivers, too, and often is called upon to do just that. Multi-talented players like Harris, Taylor, Green, and Banks are the wave of the future. As soon as they get enough Ronnie Lotts behind them, defenses will catch up with offenses.

Cleveland defensive coordinator Marty Schottenheimer recalls a prediction by Pittsburgh coach Chuck Noll shortly after the new rules changes went into effect. "He said while the rules initially will help offenses, they ultimately would hurt, because it would force defenses to return to the bump and run. And that's what you're seeing," said Schottenheimer.

Rules still allow chucking within five yards of the line of scrimmage. So teams are lining up their cornerbacks on the receiver's nose and hoping for as much pressure on the quarterback as possible while the defender bumps his man.

"If you disrupt the release, you disrupt the timing of the passing game," said Schottenheimer. And, he added "You will see more and more defensive schemes trying to create mismatches and confusion."

Nowhere is this more evident than in Chicago, where even the players become confused. A national television audience watched the birth of Detroit quarterback Eric Hipple one Monday night last year against Chicago, when the Bears' defense had no idea what it was doing. Sometimes, defenses are forced into taking gambles, leaving receivers wide-open. If the quarterback is smart enough or lucky enough to discover the mistakes, a defense is in deep trouble. Hipple threw four touchdown passes that night.

"I know the quarterback doesn't know what we're doing because sometimes even we don't know," said Bears' safety Doug Plank with tongue partly in cheek.

Atlanta tries to create confusion with frequent blitzes. Dallas does it with the Flex.

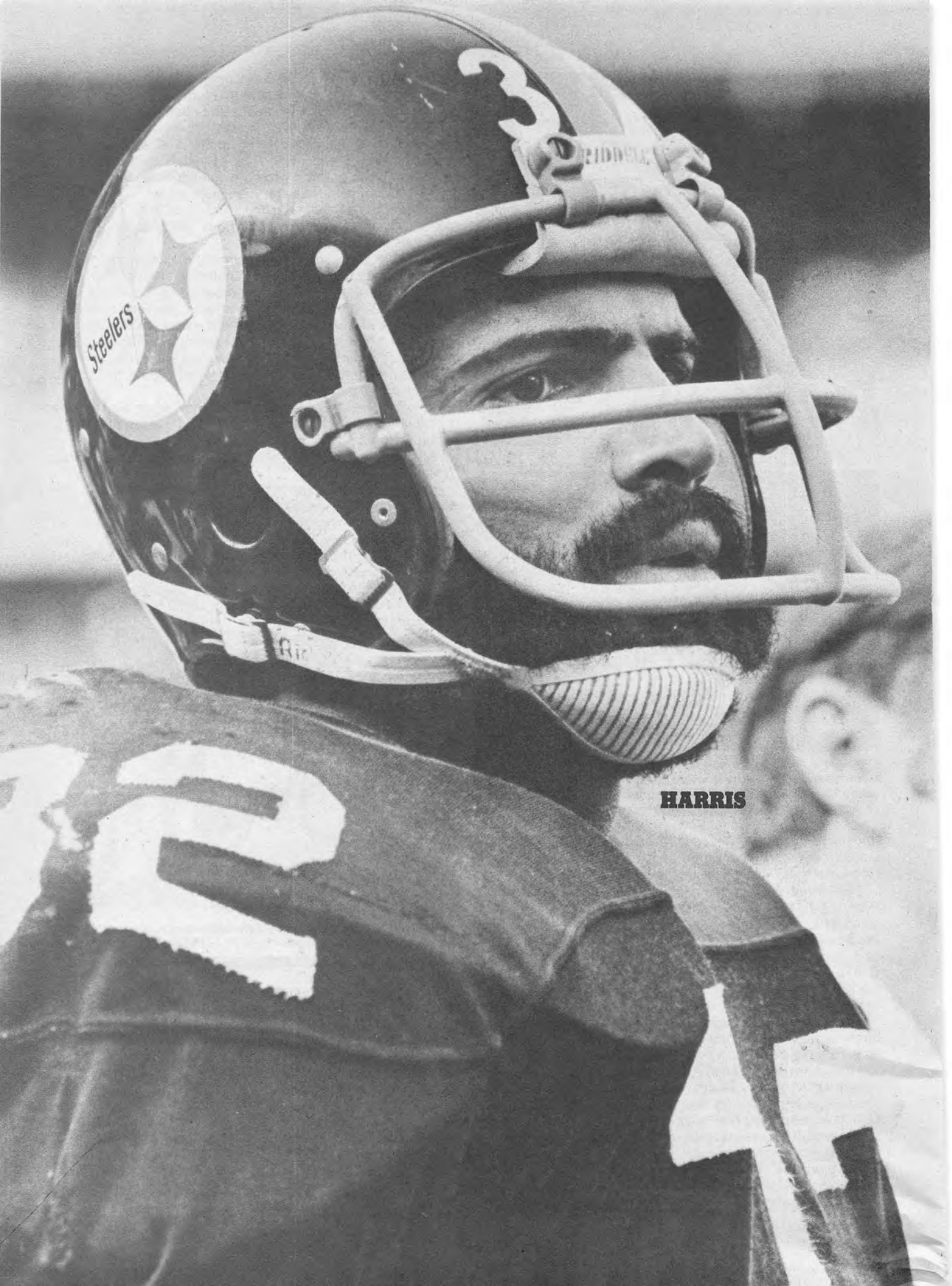
If defenses can't adjust to match the offenses, they lose. The idea of the starting lineup is anachronistic. Multiple defenses use every defensive player on the roster. But defensive coaches figure they'll never really win the battle. All they can hope is to get close. If they can just force more rules changes, they might feel a victory of sorts. "They legislate for offense and the defense catches up. Then they legislate some more," said Schottenheimer. "Maybe they'll put the hash marks even closer together."

The Patriots selected Texas defensive tackle Kenneth Sims (shown with commissioner Pete Rozelle) No. 1 in the draft.

Consistency in enforcing the rules is another thing defensive coaches have to complain about. The pass interference penalty, for instance, is often a judgment call that almost always favors the offense. The price a defensive back must pay for an inadvertent bump at the wrong moment is ridiculous. It can cost a team 40-50 yards a crack. Kansas City coach Marv Levy calls the pass interference penalty "a travesty of the game. . . a stupid rule that just awards a touchdown to a team."

"At the goal line, it really gets tough with picks and pushing off," said Bullough. Again, the advantage is to the offense.

But the defenders may catch up yet. To prove they're always thinking, Ryan has a suggestion. "The thing that is killing us is the blankety-blank holding. You almost have to put tearaway jerseys on your defensive linemen."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HALL OF FAME

TOP 20 RANKINGS

The Pittsburgh Steelers' Franco Harris, in 1981, became the third running back in pro football history to pass the 10,000-yard mark. Harris gained 987 yards on 242 carries last season, raising his ten-year total to 10,339 yards and moving to third place, behind Jim Brown (12,312) and O.J. Simpson (11,236), in the National Football's League's rankings. Harris's 242 attempts raised his career total to an NFL-record 2,462.

LEADING RUSHERS

rank	player	yrs.	att.	yds.	avg.	td
1.	*Jim Brown*	9	2359	12,312	5.2	106
2.	O.J. Simpson	11	2404	11,236	4.7	61
3.	FRANCO HARRIS	10	2462	10,339	4.2	84
4.	*Joe Perry*	16	1929	9723	5.0	71
5.	WALTER PAYTON	7	2204	9608	4.4	71
6.	*Jim Taylor*	10	1941	8597	4.4	83
7.	Larry Csonka	11	1891	8081	4.3	64
8.	JOHN RIGGINS	10	1861	7536	4.0	55
9.	Leroy Kelly	10	1727	7274	4.2	74
10.	John Henry Johnson	13	1571	6803	4.3	48
11.	LAWRENCE McCUTCHEON	10	1521	6578	4.3	26
12.	Lydell Mitchell	9	1675	6534	3.9	30
13.	EARL CAMPBELL	4	1404	6457	4.6	55
14.	Floyd Little	9	1641	6323	3.8	43
15.	TONY DORSETT	5	1368	6270	4.6	40
16.	Don Perkins	8	1500	6217	4.1	42
17.	Ken Willard	10	1622	6105	3.8	45
18.	CALVIN HILL	12	1452	6083	4.2	42
19.	CHUCK FOREMAN	8	1556	5950	3.8	53
20.	MARK VAN EEGHEN	8	1475	5907	4.0	35

Active players in caps. Pro Football Hall of Fame members in italics.

Walter Payton of the Chicago Bears moved up one notch, from sixth place to fifth, on the rushing chart. He ran for 1,222 yards in 1981, which gave him 9,608 yards for his seven professional seasons. Payton has averaged 1,373 yards per year (to Brown's 1,368-yard average), so he could become the NFL's all-time leading rusher with two more "average" years. It should be noted, of course, that Payton's yards-per-rush average (4.4) is lower than Brown's (5.2) and that Payton's regular-season schedule comprises 16 games, as opposed to the 12-game schedule in effect in Brown's day.

A pair of Texas runners entered the top 20 rankings last year. Earl Campbell, in his fourth season with the Houston Oilers, and Tony Dorsett, in his fifth season with the Dallas Cowboys, each passed the 6,000-yard mark in 1981. Campbell, with 6,457 yards, is in thirteenth place in the all-time rankings and Dorsett, with 6,270 yards, ranks fifteenth. Another 1,000-yard season for each should put both players among pro football's top ten rushers. And Mark van Eeghen, after eight seasons with the Oakland Raiders, raised his career rushing total to 5,907 yards, good for twentieth place overall.

The Cleveland Browns' Greg Pruitt (5,496 yards), the San Diego Chargers' Chuck Muncie (5,196 yards), and the Philadelphia Eagles' Wilbert Montgomery (5,095 yards) are the active players with the best chances of breaking into the top 20 rankings in 1982.

Harold Jackson of the New England Patriots grabbed 39 passes in 1981 and moved up two places, from seventh to fifth, in the Pro Football Hall of Fame's top 20 pass receiving rankings. The 36-year-old Jackson, with 571 receptions in his 14-year career, moved past Hall of Famer Lance Alworth and Lionel Taylor. He also netted 669 yards and thus became only the third receiver in National Football League history (after Alworh and Don Maynard) to surpass 10,000 yards. He'll need 19 receptions to move past Fred Biletnikoff and into fourth place and 79 to surpass Charley Taylor's all-time mark of 649 catches.

The Philadelphia Eagles' Harold Carmichael, with 61 receptions last year, vaulted from fifteenth to ninth place in the rankings. Only the tenth player to grab 500 passes, Carmichael, now with 516, moved past Boyd Dowler, Art Powell, Jackie Smith, Hall of Famer Don Hutson, Tommy McDonald, and Billy Howton in his eleventh professional season. He'll start the 1982 campaign five catches behind Bobby Mitchell, in eighth place, and 26 behind Alworth.

Charlie Joiner, the San Diego Chargers' veteran, wasn't among the top 20 receivers at the start of the 1981 season. But he grabbed 70 of quarterback Dan Fouts's tosses and jumped all the way to an eleventh-place tie with Tommy McDonald, each with 495. Howton, with 503, is in tenth place.

The Minnesota Vikings' Ahmad Rashad had 58 catches last season to bring his nine-year total to 472, good for seventeenth

SIMPSON

LEADING RECEIVERS

rank	player	yrs.	no.	yds.	avg.	td
1.	Charley Taylor	13	649	9110	14.0	79
2.	Don Maynard	15	633	11,834	18.7	88
3.	*Raymond Berry*	13	631	9275	14.7	68
4.	Fred Biletnikoff	14	589	8974	15.2	76
5.	HAROLD JACKSON	14	571	10,246	17.9	75
6.	Lionel Taylor	10	567	7195	12.7	45
7.	*Lance Alworth*	11	542	10,266	18.9	85
8.	Bobby Mitchell	11	521	7954	15.3	65
9.	HAROLD CARMICHAEL	11	516	7923	15.4	72
10.	Billy Howton	12	503	8459	16.8	61
11T.	CHARLIE JOINER	13	495	8476	17.1	47
11T.	Tommy McDonald	12	495	8410	17.0	84
13.	*Don Hutson*	11	488	7991	16.4	99
14.	Jackie Smith	16	480	7918	16.5	40
15.	Art Powell	10	479	8046	16.8	81
16.	Boyd Dowler	12	474	7270	15.4	40
17.	AHMAD RASHAD	9	472	6598	14.0	44
18.	Pete Retzlaff	11	452	7412	16.4	47
19.	Roy Jefferson	12	451	7539	16.7	52
20.	Haven Moses	13	448	8091	18.1	56

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place in the all-time rankings. A repeat performance in 1982 will catapult him into the top ten.

Haven Moses of the Denver Broncos closed out a 14-year career with 15 receptions. He retires with 448 catches, good for twentieth place among pro football's elite. But the Cleveland Browns' Reggie Rucker, with 447 receptions, could displace Moses in 1982. And three other active players—Ken Burrough (421) of the Houston Oilers, Drew Pearson (416) of the Dallas Cowboys, and Cliff Branch (405) of the Oakland Raiders—remain the most likely candidates to cause further revision of the top 20 rankings next year.

Otto Graham, Roger Staubach, Sonny Jurgensen, and Len Dawson, retired stars, retained their 1-2-3-4 rankings as the leading quarterbakcs, statistically, in pro football history. But two active American Football Conference passers, Ken Anderson of the champion Cincinnati Bengals and Dan Fouts of the San Diego Chargers, advanced several places in the all-time rankings.

Anderson, who as recently as 1977 ranked as the number one career passer (when only NFL figures were used), had slipped all the way to the tenth position entering the 1981 campaign. But his NFL-leading performance last season propelled him to a fifth-place tie with Fran Tarkenton, the former Minnesota and New York quarterback. Anderson's career rating ballooned from 78.0 to 80.5 as a result of his 1981 heroics.

Fouts was farther down the list (fourteenth place) at the beginning of the season, but following his record-setting year he improved his position (to ninth place) and his career rating (from 75.5 to 78.4).

LEADING PASSERS

rank	player	yrs.	att.	comp.	yds.	td	int.	rating
1.	*Otto Graham*	10	2,626	1,464	23,584	174	135	86.8
2.	Roger Staubach	11	2,958	1,685	22,700	153	109	83.5
3.	Sonny Jurgensen	18	4,262	2,433	32,224	255	189	82.8
4.	Len Dawson	19	3,741	2,136	28,711	239	183	82.6
5t.	KEN ANDERSON	11	3,539	2,036	25,562	160	124	80.5
5t.	Fran Tarkenton	18	6,467	3.686	47,003	342	266	80.5
7.	*Bart Starr*	16	3,149	1,808	24,718	152	138	80.3
8.	BERT JONES	9	2,464	1,382	17,663	122	97	79.1
9.	DAN FOUTS	9	3,203	1,849	24,256	145	142	78.4
10.	*Johnny Unitas*	18	5,186	2,830	40,239	290	253	78.2
11.	Frank Ryan	13	2,133	1,090	16,042	149	111	77.7
12.	KEN STABLER	12	3,223	1,944	24,268	177	189	77.5
13.	Bob Griese	14	3,429	1,926	25,092	192	172	77.3
14.	*Norm Van Brocklin*	12	2,895	1,553	23,611	173	178	75.3
15.	*Sid Luckman*	12	1,744	904	14,686	137	132	75.0
16.	BRIAN SIPE	8	2,758	1,552	19,083	124	118	74.9
17.	Don Meredith	9	2,308	1,170	17,199	135	111	74.7
18.	Roman Gabriel	16	4,498	2,366	29,444	201	149	74.5
19.	*Y. A. Tittle*	17	4,395	2,427	33,070	242	248	74.4
20.	Earl Morrall	21	2,689	1,379	20,809	161	148	74.2

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When there is upward movement in the career rankings such as Anderson and Fouts enjoyed, someone has to lose ground, and, in 1981, Ken Stabler of the Houston Oilers and Brian Sipe of the Cleveland Browns were the victims. Stabler's career rating dropped .8 points (to 77.5) and he fell from eighth to twelfth place in the rankings.. Sipe, who had experienced a dramatic rise in 1980, dropped three places, from number thirteen to number sixteen, as his career rating slipped 2.2 points (to 74.9).

The only other active quarterback in the top 20 last year was the Baltimore Colts' Bert Jones, who lost one-tenth of a point in his overall rating and dropped from seventh to eighth place in the rankings.

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Had it not been for Mark Moseley of the Washington Redskins, pro football's top 20 scoring chart would have remained exactly the same after the 1981 season as it had been before the campaign began. Moseley, in his eleventh professional year, tallied 95 points to increase his career total to 867. In so doing, he moved from eighteenth place—past Don Hutson, Errol Mann, and Pete Gogolak—to fifteenth in the all-time rankings. If he can duplicate that effort in 1982, Moseley can move up another three places. A 106-point production would catapult him to eleventh place, past Sam Baker (977 points).

Among others in the top 20, only Jan Stenerud, a long time member of the Kansas City Chiefs who has gained new life with the Green Bay Packers, played the entire 1981 season. Stenerud scored 101 points on 22 field goals and 35 extra points. He now has 1,344 points, sixth-best in pro football history. He needs just 37 points to move past Frex Cox (1,365) and Jim Bakken (1,380). Jim Turner, in third place (1,439), also is within reach.

Garo Yepremian started his fourteenth NFL season in 1981, but he was cut by the Tampa Bay Buccaneers after only three games. He did score 12 points, to raise his career total to 1,074, six points shy of Don Cockroft (in eighth place), who was cut by the Cleveland Browns just before the 1981 season began.

The Houston Oilers Toni Fritsch, with 738 points, is just 18 points behind Jim Brown (the only non-kicker on the chart), in twentieth place, and 22 points behind Paul Hornung, in nineteenth place. John Smith of the New England Patriots has 650 points. He'll need at least 111 points in 1982 to crack the top 20 rankings.

LEADING SCORERS

rank	player	yrs.	td	xp	fg	total
1	*George Blanda*	26	9	943	335	2002
2	*Lou Groza*	21	1	810	264	1608
3	Jim Turner	16	1	521	304	1439
4	Jim Bakken	17	0	534	282	1380
5	Fred Cox	15	0	519	282	1365
6	JAN STENERUD	15	0	432	304	1344
7	Gino Cappelletti	11	42	350	176	1130
8	Don Cockroft	13	0	432	216	1080
9	Garo Yepremian	14	0	444	210	1074
10	Bruce Gossett	11	0	374	219	1031
11	Sam Baker	15	2	428	179	977
12	Lou Michaels	13	1	386	187	955
13	Roy Gerela	11	0	351	184	903
14	Bobby Walston	12	46	365	80	881
15	MARK MOSELEY	11	0	300	189	867
16	Pete Gogolak	10	0	344	173	863
17	Errol Mann	11	0	315	177	846
18	*Don Hutson*	11	105	172	7	823
19	Paul Hornung	9	62	190	66	760
20	*Jim Brown*	9	126	0	0	756

Active players in caps. Pro Football Hall of Fame members in italics.

Total Passes Attempted

1.	Fran Tarkenton	6467
2.	Johnny Unitas	5186
3.	JIM HART	4945
4.	John Hadl	4687
5.	Roman Gabriel	4498
6.	John Brodie	4491
7.	Y. A. Tittle	4395
8.	Norm Snead	4353
9.	Sonny Jurgensen	4262
10.	George Blanda	4007
11.	Joe Namath	3762
12.	CRAIG MORTON	3760
13.	Len Dawson	3741
14.	Bobby Layne	3700
15.	TERRY BRADSHAW	3653
16.	KEN ANDERSON	3539
17.	Bob Griese	3429
18.	Charley Johnson	3392
19.	Bobe Parilli	3330
20.	ARCHIE MANNING	3328

Total Passes Completed

1.	Fran Tarkenton	3686
2.	Johnny Unitas	2830
3.	JIM HART	2521
4.	John Brodie	2469
5.	Sonny Jurgensen	2433
6.	Y. A. Tittle	2427
7.	Roman Gabriel	2366
8.	John Hadl	2363
9.	Norm Snead	2276
10.	Len Dawson	2136
11.	KEN ANDERSON	2036
12.	CRAIG MORTON	2035
13.	KEN STABLER	1944
14.	Bob Griese	1926
15.	George Blanda	1911
16.	TERRY BRADSHAW	1893
17.	Joe Namath	1886
18.	DAN FOUTS	1849
19.	ARCHIE MANNNG	1848
20.	Bobby Layne	1814

Total Touchdown Passes

1.	Fran Tarkenton	342
2.	Johnny Unitas	290
3.	Sonny Jurgensen	255
4.	John Hadl	244
5.	Y. A. Tittle	242
6.	Len Dawson	239
7.	George Blanda	236
8.	John Brodie	214
9.	JIM HART	204
10.	Roman Gabriel	201
11T	Norm Snead	196
11T	Bobby Layne	196
13.	TERRY BRADSHAW	193
14.	Bob Griese	192
15.	Sammy Baugh	186
16.	CRAIG MORTON	183
17.	KEN STABLER	177
18.	Babe Parilli	176
19.	Otto Graham	174
20T	Norm Van Brocklin	173
20T	Charley Conerly	173
20T	Joe Namath	173

Total Yards Passing

1.	Fran Tarkenton	47,003
2.	Johnny Unitas	40,239
3.	JIM HART	33,848
4.	John Hadl	33,513
5.	Y. A. Tittle	33,070
6.	Sonny Jurgensen	32,224
7.	John Brodie	31,548
8.	Norm Snead	30,797
9.	Roman Gabriel	29,444
10.	Len Dawson	28,711
11.	CRAIG MORTON	27.715
12.	Joe Namath	27,633
13.	George Blanda	26,920
14.	Bobby Layne	26,768
15.	TERRY BRADSHAW	26,149
16.	KEN ANDERSON	25,562
17.	Bob Griese	25,092
18.	Bart Starr	24,718
19.	Charlie Johnson	24,410
20.	KEN STABLER	24,268

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Defensive end Ron Estay (#55) celebrates Edmonton's fourth straight Grey Cup; back Jim Germany (left) supplies the rushing and quarterback Warren Moon (right) the passing for the champion Eskimos.

CANADIAN FOOTBALL LEAGUE

The Canadian Football League's semi-annual meeting is usually no more than a housekeeping session. Such mundane topics as the price of Grey Cup tickets, the first draft of next year's schedule, and minor changes in rules and bylaws are presented to the board of governors and the management council and approved with only a routine debate.

This year's meeting in Regina, Saskatchewan, however, was anything but usual. In a high-tension gathering (May 12-14) the league hierarchy awarded two new franchises and, sadly but with relief, disbanded a third.

Commissioner Jake Gaudaur arrived in Regina in time to preside at the delivery of the Maritimes franchise, to be located in the Halifax-Dartmouth area of Nova Scotia. The new team, yet to be named, will begin play in 1984, provided that it has met the main condition of the league's approval: the construction of a new stadium with a minimum of 30,000 seats.

Within hours of a conditional franchise being awarded to the Maritimes Professional Football Club Ltd., the end came to the 35-year-old Alouettes. Established in 1946, the Als had appeared in the Grey Cup game nine times, winning the coveted trophy and the CFL championship four times, the last as late as 1977. In recent years, however, the franchise had known hard financial times. Except for a couple of seasons after moving into the Olympic Stadium late in 1976, the Alouettes had been a flop at the box office.

Finally, prior to last season, aging owner Sam Berger, who had bought the team in 1970, threw up his hands and sold the club to Vancouver business and sport entrepreneur Nelson Skalbania. But under Skalbania's ownership the club deteriorated even more rapidly until it died with a whimper on May 14.

When he bought the club in February, 1981, Skalbania pumped a large dose of adrenalin into the club, first by signing National Football League quarterback Vince Ferragamo, who had played out his option with the Los Angeles Rams, to an unprecedented $450,000 four-year contract. Then to catch the bombs that Ferragamo would throw, he grabbed two more NFL free agents—James Scott of the Chicago Bears and the Houston Oilers' Billy "White Shoes" Johnson.

But he wasn't finished. With his approval, the Als went out and outbid the Pittsburgh Steelers and the Miami Dolphins for first-round draft picks Keith Gary, a defensive end, and running back David Overstreet. On top of that the Als already had high-priced middle linebacker Tom Cousineau, the NFL's first pick in 1979, on their payroll.

The old adage that you can't buy a championship was never more accurate. The Alouettes were a miserable flop, winning but three of their 16 games, and Ferragamo was even a greater disappointment. He displayed a complete inability to adjust to the Canadian game and became the highest-paid bench warmer in the history of football by season's end.

As early as August the Als were experiencing a cash-flow problem. At Grey Cup time, when the Edmonton Eskimos won their fourth straight championship, it became evident that Montreal was in a dire financial situation. By early in the new year it became public knowledge that the Als were in debt to the tune of $1.6 million to immediate trade creditors. Skalbania, personally, was in debt for a reported $4 million to associates who had pumped money into the club during the season, either as potential investors or as personal aid.

Jim Eddy, who took over as head coach when Joe Scannella was dismissed in mid-season, and his staff were fired, but no replacement was named. General manager Bob Geary was still carrying out his duties, but without a contract.

Commissioner Gaudaur's concern heightened. He made a move against Skalbania at the annual meeting in Toronto in February. Skalbania, however, warded off league action by hiring controversial former NFL head coach George Allen as club president and chief operating officer. He also gave Allen an option to purchase the club at the end of the year. The Skalbania-Allen honeymoon lasted but a short time. As the financial ailments worsened, Allen moved to buy the club. But the legal entanglements frustrated Allen and his backers and he finally resigned in late April. By then the league had already taken the first of a four-step measure to revoke the franchise.

The second step came in Regina on May 13 when the board of governors agreed with a four-man committee's recommendation to strip the franchise from Skalbania. That same afternoon, however, Skalbania, who had spent the best part of a month in Hong Kong attempting to salvage his crumbling financial empire, wired Gaudaur, offering to withdraw his membership from the league.

That was the move Gaudaur was waiting for. The next morning, Gaudaur recommended acceptance of Skalbania's offer, which the governors did almost before the commissioner had spoken his last word. Then, within minutes, the governors accepted Gaudaur's second recommendation—that the league grant a new Montreal franchise to a group headed by Charles Bronfman, chairman of baseball's Montreal Expos and also deputy chairman of Seagram's Ltd., the world's largest distilling company.

Former Alouette quarterback great Sam Etcheverry, who also played briefly with the St. Louis Cardinals, gave up his job with a brokerage firm and assumed the presidency of the new team, which, a few days later, was christened the Concordes. A major task awaits Etcheverry, Geary, who was retained as assistant general manager, and head coach Joe Galat, who had been hired in March after a year as an assistant with the Houston Oilers.

Gone are Cousineau, who signed with the Cleveland Browns; Scott, who returned to the Bears after being waived through the league; and Johnson, who refused a pay cut and was released. Gone, too, is Ferragamo, whose failure at the Alouette helm, perhaps more than anything else, symbolized the demise of Skalbania's brief flirtation with the CFL. Gary and Overstreet remain, but the future of the Concordes lies not with a few high-priced stars, but with a solid foundation built on sound management and firm leadership.

by RICK MATSUMOTO
TORONTO STAR

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EDMONTON ESKIMOS

(14-1-1) Fans and rivals alike are wondering if this will be the year when a crack finally appears in the seemingly flawless structure of the Eskimos, who last November won an unprecedented fourth straight Grey Cup. There were signs of slight wear near the end of the 1981 season which did require some examination.

First of all, the Eskimos needed a touchdown in the final minutes of play to get by the pesky B.C. Lions, 22-16, in the Western Division final. Then, in the Grey Cup game, which was supposed to be the greatest mismatch in the history of the championship, the Eskimos needed a field goal with three seconds remaining in the fourth quarter to secure a 26-23 victory over Ottawa.

During the offseason, quarterback Tom Wilkinson and center Bob Howes, each with ten years of service, announced their retirements. Their departures could produce the first weakness in the Eskimos' vaunted attack unless their designated replacements come through.

Wilkinson had given way to Warren Moon as the No. 1 pivot last year, but his experience and leadership was invaluable as he came off the bench to relieve Moon. Now the task of being Moon's back-up falls to Brian Broomell (Temple), who has spent the past two years as the No. 3 man and has seen virtually no action. As insurance, the Eskimos also signed former Montreal Alouette and Ottawa Rough Rider back-up quar-

Waddell Smith was one of three Eskimos with 1,000 yards receiving.

Canada

terback Ron Calcagni (Arkansas), ex-New York Giant Cliff Olander (New Mexico State), and Phil Davis (Wyoming) to compete for the position.

Howes' replacement is expected to be Canadian Ted Milian, whose ability to move into a starting job at center would allow Eskimo head coach Hugh Campbell to retain his all-Canadian offensive line. But in case Milian doesn't make it, Campbell recruited former NFLer Michael Wellman, who has handled the long snaps for the Green Bay Packers and the Kansas City Chiefs.

"Whether we can go with an all-Canadian line is a question facing us," said Campbell. "Right now we have to watch the situation at training camp and during the preseason games and evaluate it from there."

There was also some concern that veteran defensive end Ron Estay (Louisiana State) might decide to retire, but at last report the Ragin' Cajun was on his way to camp. Elsewhere, the Eskimos will display little in the way of new faces.

The receiving corps—the finest in the league—will feature three 1,000 yarders in Brian Kelly (Washington State), whose 1,665 yards in catches was the highest in the league, Tom Scott (Washington), and Waddell Smith (Kansas). Either Marco Cyncar, Brian Fryer, or rookie Peter Eshenko, all Canadians, will handle the fourth receiving job.

The Eskimos' penchant for the pass reduced running back Jim Germany's (New Mexico) rushing totals to 861 yards, but his 5.5-yard average was the best among the league's ballcarriers. University of Western Ontario's Greg Marshall is seen as the Eskimos' fullback of the future, but for now Neil Lumsden, entering his fourth season in Edmonton after stints with Toronto and Hamilton, continues to be the league's premier home-brew rusher.

Estay's return will maintain the Eskimos' awesome defensive line. He lines up with Dave Fennell (North Dakota) and David Boone (Eastern Michigan) to provide almost three decades of experience. Behind this trio the linebackers will be James Parker (Wake Forest), who led the league with 18½ sacks, Dan Kepley (East Carolina), Tom Towns, and Dale Potter. If Estay does not return, Campbell might be forced to move Parker to defensive end. But he's reluctant to tamper with a good thing. Also available to step into Estay's spot are newcomers Leo Truss (Houston), David Sauve (Harvard), Tom Tuinei (Hawaii), and Canadian Dan Kearns.

The secondary should also return the same five players who played in the Grey Cup game. Larry Highbaugh (Indiana), entering his eleventh season, and Joe Hollimon (Arkansas State), starting his seventh campaign, will be the corners. Sophomore Gary Hayes (Fresno State) and seven-year man Ed Jones are the safeties, while the rover will be Mike McLeod (Montana State), in his third season if Campbell can go with five imports in the defensive backfield. If, however, Campbell needs the extra import spot on the offensive line, then Pete Lavorato or Emilio Fraietta will get the nod. Newcomers vying for jobs in the secondary include DeWayne Walker (Minnesota), Dennis Wylie (San Jose State), and Canadian Dale Getty (Weber State).

Hank Ilesic, who, at the age of 22, enters his sixth year with the club, handles the punting, while ageless Dave Cutler remains unchallenged as the place-kicker. How Cutler will fare without Howe snapping the ball and Wilkinson holding it could be the biggest question mark for the Eskimos.

WINNIPEG BLUE BOMBERS

(11-5) The Blue Bombers won one more game in 1981 than they did in 1980, yet they were further behind the champion Eskimos in the division at the end of last season than they were 12 months earlier. Trying to close that gap is the formidable task facing the Bombers again this season.

Head coach Ray Jauch, who moved over from the Eskimos to the Winnipeg organization five years ago, feels the Blue Bombers are close to having the stabilization and the consistency that have made Edmonton so successful.

"We won't have too many changes," said Jauch, who was a halfback with the 1959 Rose Bowl champion Iowa Hawkeyes. "We'll have more depth than we've ever had. Any changes that we make will be changes for the better. The big thing is that this will be the first year that we will go to camp with the numbers game (the ratio between American and Canadian players) just about set."

The Bombers attack centers around the throwing ability of quarterback Dieter Brock, who last year broke his own record for most passes thrown in a season (514) and most completions (354), as well as smashing the single-season yardage stardard (4,723) established by former Montreal Alouette Sam Etcheverry in 1956. Brock threw 566 times, completed 354, and totaled 4,796 yards. His accomplishments earned him the Schenley Award as the CFL's most outstanding player for the second straight year. Only one other player, former Eskimo Jackie Parker, had won back-to-back Schenleys.

Almost a third of Brock's passes went to wide receiver Eugene Goodlow (Kansas State), who caught 100, the most ever by a CFL receiver. Canadian Joe Poplawski, who was named the league's outstanding home-brew player, caught 84 passes, while slotback Rick House, another Canuck, hauled in 54. Goodlow's performance caught the eye of the New Orleans Saints, who drafted him in the third round of this year's NFL auction. While the speedster will have to spend this year in Winnipeg before becoming a free agent, the Bombers recruited heavily to prepare for the future.

Winnipeg quarterback Dieter Brock (middle) has been the CFL's best player for two straight years; his targets include Joe Poplawski (top) and Mike Holmes (right).

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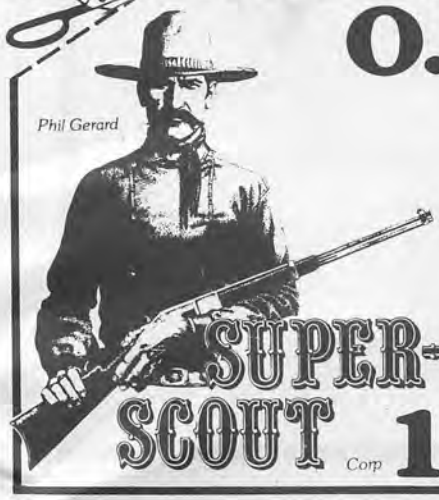

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Compounding the problem of the possible loss of Goodlow to the NFL is that veteran Mike Holmes (Texas Southern), twice a 1,000-yard receiver, suffered a torn Achilles' tendon last year and his return, at age 31, is a question mark at best. Competing for Holmes's job are former Argo and Alouette Bob Gaddis and rookies Dave Booze (Eastern Kentucky), Charles Jones (Iowa), Jackie Robinson (Kansas State), and former New York Giant Nate Johnson (Hillsdale). Jauch has a highly competitive situation at running back where Obie Graves (Fullerton State), William Miller (Ouachita Baptist), and Jimmy Edwards (Northeast Louisiana), are battling for one job. The second backfield spot is expected to go to rookie Canadian Milson Jones, the Jamaican-born speedster who attended North Dakota. Graves went to camp as the No. 1 tailback on the strengh of his strong finish last year. But he'll get plenty of opposition from Miller, who was rookie of the year in 1980, and from Edwards, a former Schenley Award winner with Hamilton, who was also with the Kansas City Chiefs and the Minnesota Vikings.

Larry Butler (Appalachian State), the league's top offensive lineman of 1981, was a holdout when camp opened, but Jauch wasn't pursuing him. Canadian Chris Wally could replace him.

Defensively, Jauch sees almost no changes. He came up with a real find last year in Pete Catan (Eastern Illinios), who can only get better with a year of pro experience under his helmet. He'll team with perennial all-star John Helton (Arizona State) and Tony Norman (Iowa State), while the other tackle spot will see rookie Canadian Stan Mikowos (North Dakota) attempt to unseat York Hentschel and Ron Cherkas.

James Reed (California), who has developed into a solid middle linebacker, will have Canadians Vern Pahl and Ken Ciancone (Utah State) on his flanks.

Wiley Turner (Angelo State), a former Green Bay Packer, will be out to win a job in the secondary. Charles Williams (Jackson State) and Don Burrell (Mississippi State) finished up on the corners, with Vince Phason (Arizona) and Reggie Pierson (Oklahoma State) at the safeties and Canadian Paul Bennett the rover.

Trevor Kennerd kicked the most field goals in the league (39) last year; Bob Cameron had a respectable 44.3-yard average as the punter.

BRITISH COLUMBIA LIONS

(10-6-0) The ten victories recorded by the B.C. Lions last season were the most by the Other Side of the Mountain gang since 1977, and it gave the club management and fans new hope that the team will be a strong contender by the time it moves into its luxurious new home for the 1983 season.

Barring unseen construction problems the $80 million, domed B.C. Amphitheatre will be the site of the 1983 Grey Cup game. The Lions would like nothing better than to be participating in that championship extravaganza. The Lions, the last team to join the CFL (1954), haven't been to the Grey Cup match since 1964, when they defeated the Hamilton Tiger-Cats. Why, even the Toronto Argonauts have been to the title game since then.

Since the arrival of head coach Vic Rapp from Edmonton in 1977, the Lions have never had a losing season. But, at the same time, they haven't exactly threatened to shake the Edmonton Eskimos off the top rung, either. That has caused considerable unrest among the natives. Last year's effort, climaxed by a strong showing against Edmonton in the Western Division final, did, however, help to calm some of their critics. Now it's up to the Lions to show further improvement this season.

The Lions went to training camp needing to plug two holes, and confident that they had recruited the talent to do so. The offensive hole was created at wide receiver, where swift Tyron Gray (63 catches for 1,428 yards) played out his option and headed for the NFL. The former honorable mention All-America from Emporia State was studying an offer from the St. Louis Cardinals as the Lions prepared to open the CFL season without him.

To replace Gray the Lions signed former University of Washington star Robert "Spider" Gaines, who was one of the favorite targets of Edmonton quarterback Warren Moon when they both played for the Huskies. Gaines was taken in the sixth round of the 1979 draft by Kansas City, but was sidelined with a knee injury. He went to camp last year with San Francisco. Gaines, however, isn't being handed the job. He'll have to beat out former Tampa Bay Buc Isaac Hagins, Mervyn Fernandez (San Jose State), Greg Woodard (California), and Steve Rhodes (Oklahoma).

The other opening in the Lions' starting lineup occurred at middle linebacker when Sam Britts retired after nine years in the CFL, the last four with British Columbia. Tyrone Crews (Kansas State), who played in two games last season, is expected to step into Britts's spot. However, the Lions also signed Joe Robidou of St. Cloud State, who spent most of last year on the Oakland Raiders' injury-reserve list.

After filling those two vacancies, Rapp will simply attempt to upgrade his lineup wherever possible. Offensively, Rapp wants to use Canadians at four of the five line positions, leaving veterans Don Hickman (USC) and Jim Lohman (Texas-El Paso) to fight it out with newcomers Leo Biedermann (Cal-Berkeley), Larry Stewart (Maryland), and Gerald Scott (San Jose State), all of whom have attended NFL camps.

Joe Paopao returns as the No. 1 quarterback, but Rapp will be looking for the Long Beach State product to reduce his 23 interceptions. The Lions obtained the rights to Mississippi quarterback John Fourcade from Toronto just prior to the opening of camp. He'll battle Roy DeWalt and Mike Nott for the back-up job.

Larry Key (Florida State), who was second in the CFL in rushing last year with 1,098 yards, and John Henry White (Louisiana Tech) will continue to form one of the league's best one-two running combinations.

Defensively, the Lions scored heavily with their recruiting last year when they came up with tackle Mack Moore (Texas A&M), end Tyrone Keys (Mississippi State), both of whom were drafted by NFL teams, and defensive back Larry Crawford (Iowa State), who led the CFL with eight interceptions. Keys will push third-year veteran Richard Murray (Oklahoma). Former Oakland Raider Leo Gray (Nevada-Las Vegas) was expected to gain a cornerback spot, thus pushing Kerry Parker (Grambling) to halfback, where he'll battle Devon Ford (Appalachian State) for a job.

"We're a little more stable this year," said general manager Bob Ackles. "We're a little more comfortable."

The Lions, however, won't be able to relax. Not if they want to move into their new home next year on a positive note.

SASKATCHEWAN ROUGHRIDERS

(9-7-0) When Joe Faragalli took over as head coach of the Roughriders a year ago he made no promises of an immediate turnaround in the club's sagging fortunes. Of course, he was looking for an improvement over the 2-14 record the Riders had registered in each of the two previous seasons, but even genial Joe couldn't have envisioned the dramatic reversal of form that saw them win nine games—one more than the total of the preceding three years. The result earned Faragalli CFL Coach of the Year honors in his rookie season as top man after eight years as an assistant in Winnipeg and Edmonton.

Running back Larry Key (top) and rookie quarterback John Fourcade of the British Columbia Lions

"There was no doubt that as the season went on I began to realize that we could be a good team," said Faragalli. "But the way we finished up, though, was disappointing."

Faragalli was referring to a 13-5 loss to B.C. on the final day of the schedule. That allowed the Lions to grab the final playoff berth ahead of Saskatchewan. The battle for the three Western Division playoff spots should be just as intense this season, and Faragalli is a believer in the idea that a strong defense is the best way to make the fight a little easier.

"I want to improve the defense," he said. "The teams that do well are always the ones that have better, tougher defenses. You can't make mistakes on defense. You can't beat yourself. On offense, if you make an error on first down, you're just second-and-10. But on defense it could cost you seven (points)."

The Riders came up with the catch of the year last season when they signed Oregon's Vince Goldsmith, who at 5-foot-11 was considered too small by NFL clubs despite a fine college career. Switched to linebacker in the

Riders "34" defense, Goldsmith registered 17 quarterback sacks, second only to the Eskimos' James Parker, and wound up as the league Rookie of the Year.

Faragalli is looking for a similar "find" to bolster his secondary, which gave up the most passing yardage in the league. He felt he made a move in the right direction when he acquired cornerback Marcellus Greene (Arizona) from Toronto in offseason trade for veteran quarterback Joe Barnes. Greene had a disappointing rookie campaign with Toronto after a highly acclaimed college career, but Faragalli was convinced he was still one of the best defensive backs in the East last season and a player with immense potential.

Greene is expected to team with veteran Steve Dennis (Grambling)—another Argo reject of the past—on the corners. If Greene emerges as a starter, Billy McBride (Tennessee State) will move inside, where incumbents Andre Jones (Nevada-Las Vegas) and Bobby Hosea (UCLA) will get plenty of competition not only from McBride, but from newcomers Ozzie Harrell (Missouri Southern), Reggie Ogburn (Oregon), and Darrell Scott (Missouri Southern).

The retirement of Carl Crennel leaves a vacancy at middle linebacker, but Bernard West (North Texas State), who had tryouts with Ottawa and Hamilton last season, could step into the void.

Offensively, the major alteration is at quarterback, where the trading of Barnes leaves John Hufnagel as the club's No. 1. Hufnagel, the former Penn State star who spent three years with the Denver Broncos and four with Calgary before joining the Riders in 1980, shared the job with Barnes last year in a successful two-quarterback system. In trading away Barnes, however, Faragalli admitted that Hufnagel appeared to be more in tune with the Rider system and that he would probably have emerged as No. 1 this season. Faragalli also stressed that with Hufnagel and Barnes both approaching 30, he wanted to begin grooming an eventual successor. To that end he's signed Dan Kendra (West Virginia), Mike Lloyd (Missouri Southern), Joe Alatorre (Tennessee), and Joe Adams (Tennessee State).

There was no doubt the Riders were a little disappointed with their running game last year. Lester Brown had totaled almost 600 yards in only seven games in 1980 after joining Saskatchewan from the Dallas Cowboys. The Riders expected him to be a 1,000-yard rusher last season, but he wound up with only 804 yards.

"I've never coached on a team that didn't have a 1,000-yard rusher," said Faragalli, who coached Jim Germany in Edmonton and Jim Washington in Winnipeg. "Something wasn't right, because he had the offensive line. We concentrated so much on passing that, as a result, our running may have suffered."

Pushing Brown at camp will be Mike Washington (Washington State), who attended the Buffalo Bills' camp last year.

The Riders' receiving corps is led by veteran Joey Walters (Clemson), who gained 1,715 yards last year on 91 receptions; Chris DeFrance (Arizona State), 1,195 yards on 64 catches; Emanuel Tolbert (Southern Methodist), 619 yards on 46 receptions; and Canadian Dwight Edwards, 42 for 612 yards.

Ken Clark will again be the punter, but placekicker Paul Watson could lose out to rookie David Ridgway (Toledo).

CALGARY STAMPEDERS

(6-10-0) In 1979, the Calgary Stampeders won as many games as the Edmonton Eskimos, and though they lost out to the Eskies in the Western final, they were looked upon as the team most likely to knock off the Grey Cup champions. Well, since then the Eskies have won two more Grey Cups, while the Stampeders have slid all the way to last place in the Western Division.

The shocking turnabout caused general manager Jack Gotta, who had turned the coaching job over to assistant Ardell Weigandt, to yank the lines out of Weigandt's hands late last season. Jerry Williams finished out the 1981 term as head coach, but during the winter Gotta, under pressure from the club directorate, appointed himself coach.

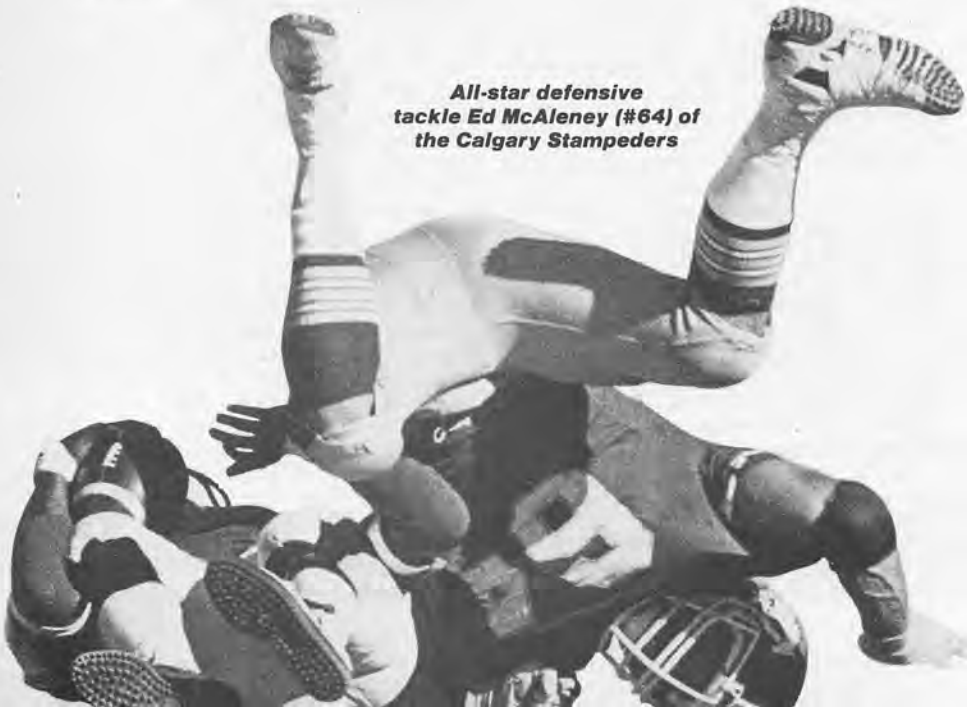
Later, as he pulled on the head coach's cap, Gotta promised a change in philosophy that he hoped would put the Stampeders back into contention in the Western Division race.

Saskatchewan's Lester Brown (top) rushed for 804 yards; James Sykes picked up 1,107 yards at Calgary.

Offensively, the major change will be the return to a two-running back attack, a formula which had worked extremely well with James Sykes (Rice) and Willie Burden (North Carolina State) carrying the ball. Sykes won the CFL rushing title with 1,107 yards, but the aging Burden, who retired at the end of the season, missed half the season with injuries, and the lack of a second runner clearly hurt the Stampeder attack. Now Gotta is hoping to restore that one-two running punch with the addition of Darrell Smith, a dropout from Illinois, who is not unknown to NFL scouts.

Gotta feels he scored another coup by signing wide receiver Jerry Parrish (Eastern Kentucky) prior to the NFL draft. He's confident Parrish will supply the team with the deep threat it lacked last season. Parrish's arrival could bump veteran import John Holland, the ex-Buffalo Bill and Hamilton Tiger-Cat, out of a job. If Gotta goes with the extra import among his receiving corps, Canadians Tom Forzani or Bob Viccars could be expendable.

Operating the new-look Stampeder offense will be Canadian pivot Gerry Dattilio, who came West from Montreal as the future con-



All-star defensive tackle Ed McAleney (#64) of the Calgary Stampeders

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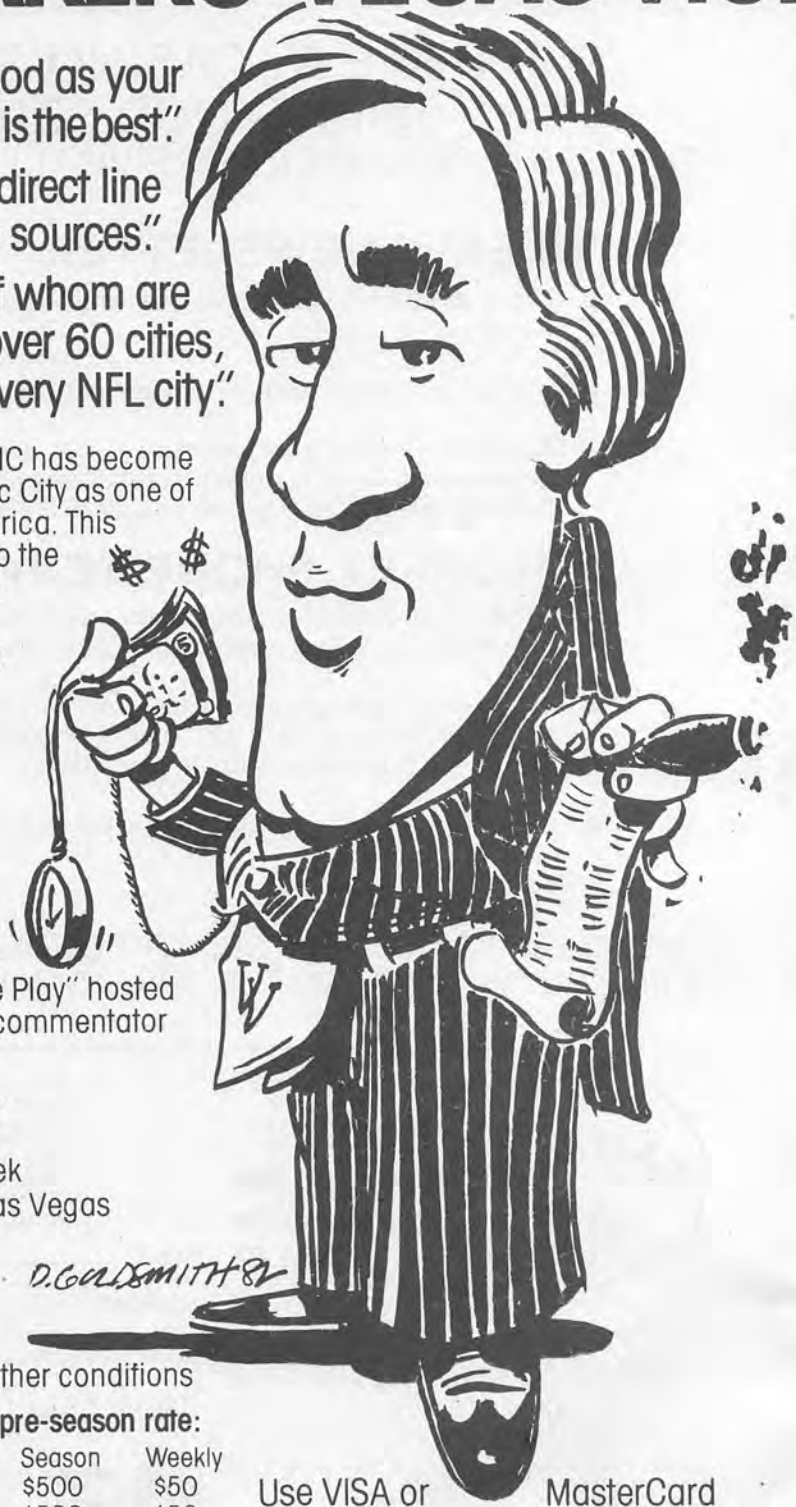

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sideration in the trade late last season that sent Ken Johnson (Colorado) to the Alouettes. Gotta went after San Diego State's Matt Kofler, who was a second-round draft choice of Buffalo, but he couldn't outbid the Bills. Therefore, Dattilio's back-up will come from either Bruce Threadgill (Mississippi State), entering his fourth year with Calgary, or Jeff Knapple (Northern Colorado), who joined the team midway through last season from the Denver Broncos.

Whoever the quarterbacks are they'll get their protection from an offensive line composed of at least four, and perhaps five, Canadians. Second-year import Norm Hopely (West Chester State) might thus have his chore cut out to hang onto his job at right guard.

Gotta's "new philosophy" also extends to the defense, where former Edmonton assistant Dan Daniel takes over as coordinator. Daniel will employ a "34" defense with Franklin King (Kansas), formerly an offensive guard with British Columbia, tabbed for the nose guard position. He'll be flanked on one side by all-star Ed McAleney (Massachusetts) and on the other by Miles Gorrell or Scott McArthur, both Canadians.

Former Argo Dan Bass (Michigan State) heads the four-man linebacking corps that will include Canadians Mark Nelson (East Central) and Doug Battershill (Weber State) and Bernie Morrison. The secondary should return Ray Odums (Alabama) and Terry Irvin (Jackson State), each entering his sixth season with Calgary, on the corners, Canadian Merv Walker and import Lepolean Ingram (Cal State-Sacramento) at the safeties, with seven-year man Al Burleson (Washington) at rover. Burleson had a brief trial with New Orleans in 1980 before returning to Calgary.

Wide receiver Mike McTague (North Dakota State) doubles as the punter and J.T. Hay, who hit 36 of 48 field goals last season, returns to handle the placement duties.

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HAMILTON TIGER-CATS

(11-4-1) The Tiger-Cats ran away with the woefully weak Eastern Division last year in what was Frank Kush's first and only year in the Canadian Football League. Now with Kush gone to the Baltimore Colts and long-time club president-general manager-coach-player Ralph Sazio having joined the Argonauts as president midway through last season, the task of keeping the Ticats on top has fallen on rookie GM Joe Zuger and new head coach Bud Riley.

The 55-year-old Riley is no stranger to the head coaching ranks of the CFL, having led the Winnipeg Blue Bombers for four seasons and the Toronto Argonauts as an interim coach in 1978 when Leo Cahill was fired in midseason. Riley's main concern as camp opened was to improve the team's running game, which was the worst in the league last year despite the club's lofty record. He'll attack the problem from two sides, shoring up the offensive line as well as improving on his ball-carriers.

Like most CFL coaches Riley wants to use four Canadian linemen, and the club recruited heavily in this area. Veteran Henry Waszczuk (Kent State) is a fixture at center after an all-star year. Doug Redl, who missed all of last year with a back ailment, and Ross Francis should be the guards. Ed Fulton moved from guard to left tackle, but the right tackle job is wide-open to competition among Canadians Greg Barrow (Florida), Marv Allemang, obtained from Winnipeg, Al Moffatt, and rookies Rick Maloney and Jerry Kushner (Dickinson State). A big addition to the offensive line was expected to be Kari Yli-Renko, the Sudbury native who attended the University of Cincinnati. However, the Ticats lost him to the Cincinnati Bengals, who drafted him in the eighth round.

David Green (Edinboro State), the 1979 Schenley Award winner as the CFL's outstanding player, gets yet another chance to regain the form he lost after that brilliant season in Montreal. Last year, as a part-time player behind Rufus Crawford, he carried 66 times for a mere 208 yards, a far cry from the 287 carries and 1,678 yards he totaled three years ago.

"I've told him he'll have every opportunity to be our running back if he comes to camp in the right frame of mind," said Riley.

With Crawford gone to the NFL, Green will compete with Lewis Walker (Utah), who had a year with the Washington Redskins, Kyle Stevens (Washington), and Mike Horton (Alabama A&M) for the tailback job. Canadian Mark Bragagnolo will begin his second year as the Ticat fullback, while rookie Scott Waggoner (Florida), the son of former Ticat star Hal Waggoner, bids for a back-up job.

Riley also faces the task of filling the vacancies created by the sudden retirement of two veteran Canadians, Gord Paterson and Leif Pettersen. There's a good chance Riley will use an import to fill the slotback position shared by Paterson and Pettersen. (He'll create the needed import position by reducing an American on the offensive line.) Seeking the jobs are former Alouette Keith Credit, Winston Newsome (Napa Jr. College), Otha Hill, and Ron Johnson. The wide receivers will again be Keith Baker (Texas Southern), who had an outstanding season with 68 catches for 1,218 yards, and Steve Stapler (San Diego State), 48 for 903 yards.

Defensively, Riley won't have to do much tinkering with last year's lineup. He'll retain a four-man line with Grover Covington (Johnson C. Smith), a steal from the Alouettes who led the East with 16 sacks, and Steve Parker (East Illinois) the ends and veteran Ecomet Burley (Texas State) and Canadian Jim Muller the tackles. Tom Schillinger (Oregon State) and Ricky Issac (Northeast Louisiana) will be the imports trying to win a job.

The linebacking is sound. Hard-hitting Ben Zambiasi (Georgia) heads into his fifth season. Canadian John Priestner (who spent a season

Bernie Ruoff (top) handles the punting and place-kicking for Hamilton; Mark Bragagnolo is the Tiger-Cats' soph fullback.

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with the Colts) and Carmen Carteri are the other starters. The secondary is strong with eight-year veteran David Shaw (Prairie View) and Leroy Paul (Texas Southern) at the corners, and Harold Woods and Howard Fields the safeties. Several newcomers—Dupree Branch (Colorado State), Tom Warren (North Carolina A & T), and Dwayne Butler (San Jose State)—will, however, be attempting to unseat a veteran. Preston Young jumped to the Montreal Concordes after playing out his option, leaving Ossie Wilson, Judson Mayes (Boise State), and Joe Kuklo, obtained from Montreal, to fight for the rover job.

Bernie Ruoff, one of the best in the business, handles both the punting and the place-kicking.

OTTAWA ROUGH RIDERS

(5-11-0) The Rough Riders surprised CFL fans last year when they knocked off the first-place Hamilton Tiger-Cats in the Eastern Division final to gain a berth in the Grey Cup game. But they had an even bigger shock in store for the Edmonton Eskimos in the championship game. The Riders set the Eskimos reeling on their heels when they scored early and built a 21-0 half-time lead. Unfortunately for Rider fans, there was to be no Cinderella finish as the powerful Eskimos regained their composure in the second half and fought back to score a 26-23 victory.

The Riders' late-season showing was an incentive for renewed football fever in the nation's capital. But as Rider executives know all too well, the interest will remain high only as long as the club is to be a winner on the field.

The task of staying on the plus side of the win-loss register won't be an easy one for head coach George Brancato, who heads into his ninth season as field boss with an almost brand new staff. Gone from last year are Bob O'Billovich, who gained the head coaching job at Toronto; Joe Moss, who became head coach at the University of Ottawa; and Jerry Keeling, who moved to Calgary as an assistant. Only Don Sutherin returns to join newcomers Perry Moss (one-time head coach at Montreal), Vince Gargano, and Joe Pascale.

The coaching staff's biggest concern as training camp approached was whether or not quarterback J.C. Watts (Oklahoma), who sparked the Riders' playoff drive last fall, would be back at the offensive throttle. Watts threatened to retire to his oil drilling business after discovering that the Riders had been paying him in Canadian funds rather than in U.S. greenbacks and was demanding a new contract. General manager Jake Dunlap, after several sessions with Watts and his agent, Abdul Jalil, finally presented them with a "take it or leave it" offer to which Watt hadn't responded as the preseason schedule drew to a close.

Brancato, however, was confident that Watts would show up. "He was late last year, wasn't he?" said Brancato, referring to the fact that Watts signed late, left camp after one practice, and then rejoined the team early in the regular season. On the field, however, Watts provided Rider fans with plenty of excitement with his running ability that produced a seven-yard average every time he pulled down the ball and took off.

Brancato was also confident that if Watts doesn't return he still has two competent pivots in Jordan Case (North Texas State), who had a spinal fusion operation in the offseason to correct a long-standing problem, and sophomore pro Kevin Starkey (Long Beach State). As well, the Riders recruited rookie Chris Isaac of Eastern Kentucky. Sam Platt (Florida State) and Calvin Fance (Rice), who was injured early last year, will compete with newcomer David Riley (West Virginia) for the running back spot.

Another problem facing Brancato and his assistants is finding a replacement for the brilliant Tony Gabriel (Syracuse), who retired after 11 CFL seasons, the last seven with Ottawa. Joe Taylor (Northern Arizona), who started last season in Montreal, was released, and then returned for the Grey Cup game as a Rider, failed his medical, leaving Ottawa with Kelvin Kirk (Dayton) and Canadian Bruce Walker as the wide-outs. Rookie Brad Reid (Iowa) was among the newcomers seeking a job as a pass catcher.

The offensive line, one of the best in the league, remains intact, but Brancato's use of three imports might be a luxury he will find he can't afford.

Defensively, the line is set with Greg Marshall (Oregon State), Mike Raines (Alabama), Ron Simmons (Florida State), and Canadian Jim Piaskoski (Eastern Michigan) forming a front four. The Riders suffered a big loss when nose guard Mike Peerman (Colorado) tore ligaments in his knee early in camp. He'll be out for half the season.

Canadians Rick Sowieta and John Glassford, the outstanding defensive player in the Grey Cup game, and import Bill Mitchell (Long Beach State) are the linebackers, with newcomer Ken Banks (Eastern Michigan) competing for a job this year.

The secondary was another problem area for Brancato as several of the rookies failed to make the grade. The return of Larry Brune (Rice) from the Minnesota Vikings and Jon Sutton from Toronto via Montreal, and the late-season acquisition of Billy Hardee (Virginia Tech) from Toronto and Carl Brazley (Western Kentucky) from Montreal strengthened the group considerably. Still, Brancato is looking for improvement and recruited Dwight Porter

Ticat David Green hopes to regain his Schenley Award-winning form.

(Wittenberg), Dan Preston (Central State), and Mike Ulmer, the former Chicago Bear, to join holdovers Ricky Barden (North Carolina) and Jerome Stanton (Michigan State) to battle the incumbents for jobs.

The punting and place-kicking duties continue to belong to 37-year-old Gerry Organ.

TORONTO ARGONAUTS

(2-14-0) Just as certainly as the snow melts, the grass turns green, and flowers bloom, spring brings renewed enthusiasm from the Toronto Argonauts that their fortunes will improve with the coming of a new season.

Usually the promises have been accompanied by the announcement of the arrival of a new "savior." Last year it was quarterback Condredge Holloway (Tennessee), who was obtained in a trade with Ottawa. In the past it's been Terry Metcalf, Anthony Davis, Bruce Clark, the Georgia Connection (Mike Wilson and Joel Parrish), or coaches John Rauch and Forrest Gregg.

The promise of a better future is, naturally, being made again. But this time it's without the drum rolls and blaring of trumpets. It's being done in the Ralph Sazio style.

Sazio shocked the CFL community last August when he ended 30 years with the Hamilton Tiger-Cats as a player, coach, general manager, and president to take over as the boss of the Argonauts. His impact was felt almost immediately. Within a month of his hiring head coach Willie Wood was gone. Mind you, the fact that the Argos were sporting a 0-10 record did nothing to slow Wood's departure. General manager Tom Hudspeth finished up the season as coach, but left the club and football early in the new year.

Sazio's choice as head coach was a surprise to many. But Bob O'Billovich (Montana), an assistant for six years at Ottawa, filled the main prerequisites: a thorough knowledge of the Canadian game and tough-mindedness. While Ottawa's coaching staff had a reputation as a laid-back, easygoing crew, O'Billovich was the toughest of the group.

With a coaching staff in place, Sazio's next order of business was to improve the quarterbacking situation. He had not liked what he saw last year.

"This isn't meant to be a knock at any of the four quarterbacks we had here last year, but I don't like anyone who has a 2-14 record, [not] even my mother-in-law," said Sazio.

With those words he went out and traded for veteran Joe Barnes (Texas Tech), giving the Saskatchewan Roughriders, sophomore cornerback Marcellus Greene (Arizona) in return. Barnes was lauded as a tough competitor, a leader and a winner, with the implication being that Holloway wasn't any of those things in Sazio's eyes. The accusation, however, may not be fair to Holloway. He was a winner at Ottawa and at the University of Tennessee. He was also an outstanding shortstop, who turned down a possible career in baseball to go to college.

Neither Barnes, Holloway, June Jones (Portland State), who spent the last five years with the Atlanta Falcons, Mike Williams (Grambling), or Canadian Dan Feraday will be able to operate effectively unless the Argo offensive line affords them better protection and the receivers remain healthy.

Holloway found himself behind the eight ball last summer when his two key receivers, Terry Greer (Alabama State) and Dave Newman (Missouri), were injured early in the year and missed the balance of the season. They're both back this season and they'll be accompanied by holdover Canadian Paul Pearson, imports David Dorn and Martin Cox, and newcomer Greg Holmes (Carroll College).

Cedric Minter (Boise State) was one of the few bright spots on last year's squad. He returns at running back. Canadian Jan Carinci (Maryland) will be moved from slotback to the backfield team as O'Billovich and offensive coordinator Darrell (Mouse) Davis plan a pass-oriented attack.

The acquisition of Canadian Roland Mangold (Northeast Missouri) and the drafting of Steve Antunovic from Simon Fraser is expected to strengthen the offensive line. George Schechtlerly (South Carolina) retired after a few days at camp, leaving Harold Norfleet (Prairie View) as the only holdover import tackle. Norfleet, however, was in danger of losing out to the quota system as O'Billovich toyed with the idea of an all-Canadian line.

Defensively, the Argos must rebuild almost from scratch. Clark played out his option and headed for the NFL, as did Reggie Lewis (San Diego State), obtained late last year in a trade with Calgary for middle linebacker Dan Bass. Veteran Canadian Jim Corrigall (Kent State) retired after 11 seasons. Newcomers include Dave Ramey (Kentucky), picked up from Hamilton; No. 1 draft pick Steve Delcol (Simon Fraser); Richard Olfen (Washington) and Ron Paggett, obtained on waivers from Calgary; and rookie Fred Nordgren (Portland State).

The return of home-brew Duncan MacKinlay, who retired midway through last season, and the acquisition of Tim Berryman from Ottawa will stabilize the outside linebacking spots. But the middle is wide-open. The Argos brought in a host of middle linebackers but didn't like what they saw and eventually traded for John Pointer (Vanderbilt) and Jeff Gabrielsen (Ripon College) with Edmonton and Montreal, respectively.

Former Ticat Zac Henderson (Oklahoma) returns to the CFL with the Argos after a fling with the Philadelphia Eagles. He'll offer some stability to a young secondary where only Canadian Phil Jones was at camp with the club last year. One-time Cincinnati Bengal Jo Jo Heath (Pittsburgh), Sam Johnson (Maryland), and Darrell Wilson (Connecticut) and late addition Leo Gray (Nevada-Las Vegas), who was obtained on waivers from B.C., are seen as the best of the newcomers.

Zenon Andrusyshyn, the oldest Argo (11 years service), will handle the place-kicking and punting.

MONTREAL CONCORDES

(3-13-0) "There are 37 professional football teams in the world and coaching this team has got to be the toughest job of any of them," said Joe Galat. The rookie head coach offered that sentiment when he was still employed by the Montreal Alouettes. A few days after he uttered those words the Alouettes were no more. From their ashes rose a new Montreal franchise, eventually named the Concordes.

One of the first duties of Concordes' president Sam Etcheverry, the great quarterback of the Alouettes in the 1950's, was to retain Galat as head coach of the new club. The job, however, is not going to be any easier.

The Alouettes were a disaster on the field as well as in the front office and at the turnstiles in the final year of their existence despite the presence of several high-priced former National Football League stars and top draft picks, who rejected NFL offers to grab at owner Nelson Skalbania's shower of money.

Much of the blame for the Alouettes' demise was placed on the totally unexpected flop of quarterback Vince Ferragamo, who signed for $450,000 a year with Montreal after playing out his option with the Los Angeles Rams. Now Ferragamo, who actually rode the bench for the final four Alouette games, is gone. So are James Scott, Billy (White Shoes) Johnson, and Tom Cousineau. Scott, who led the East in pass receiving, returned to the Chicago Bears. Johnson was released when he refused to take a 50 percent salary cut. Cousineau, who spent three years with the Als, became a wealthy man when the Buffalo Bills, owners of his NFL rights, traded him to the Cleveland Browns. Also gone from last year's Alouette squad are veteran Canadian tight end Peter Dalla Riva, who retired, and defensive end Junior Ah You (Arizona State), who was released during the offseason.

The only reminders of Skalbania's Folly still with the Concordes are running back David Overstreet (Oklahoma) and defensive end Keith Gary (Oklahoma), whose contracts were picked up by the new team.

Cedric Minter had a good season despite Toronto's dismal record.

Ken Johnson (Colorado), who was obtained in a trade with Calgary late last season, will undoubtedly be the starting quarterback this season. But the young man the Concordes are hoping will be the quarterback of the future is 23-year-old Luc Tousignant (Fairmont State), a native of Trois Rivieres, Quebec, who as a French-Canadian would be the ideal box-office attraction for the club.

Former Washington Redskin Danny Buggs, who played briefly with Edmonton in 1980, and Sammy Greene (UNLV), gained in a trade with Toronto, are the candidates for the wide receiver spots. Canadian Nick Aragki and import Greg McClain (Northern Michigan) should be the slotbacks.

The offensive line will see former Argo John Faubert moving in at a guard spot and veteran Gord Judges, a former Alouette and Argo, try-

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ing to make a comeback as a tackle. The stabilizing factors on the line, however, will be import Doug Payton (Colorado), entering his fifth year in Montreal, and home-brew Bill Norton (Weber State), also with four years in the CFL.

Overstreet will be the main running back, although Alvin (Skip) Walker (Texas A&M), back for his third year, could see a lot of action if the Concordes are forced to go with two import backs. Also vying for jobs are Robert Haden (Louisville), Mark Hunter (Miami), and Leroy King (Texas). Former Rough Rider Mike Murphy, a Canadian, was out for the entire 1981 season with an Achilles' tendon injury. If he can return to his former pace, the Concordes would be able to go with just one import back.

Defensively, replacing Ah You, an all-star for most of his ten seasons, will be a tough chore. James Zachery (Texas A&M) has the inside track. If finding someone to fill Ah You's shoes seems like a difficult task for Galat, he'll face an even bigger problem in replacing Cousineau. Jeff Gabrielson (Ripon College) played the holdout game and was traded to Toronto after the Concordes lost patience and they picked up John Prassas (Brown) in a deal with Calgary. Canadian John Palazeti (Richmond) and import William Hampton (Arkansas) are the outside linebackers.

Jim Marshall (Jackson State) and Dickie Harris (South Carolina), who sat out last season after being released prior to camp, should man the corners. Greg Butler (Howard) and Ken Miller (Eastern Michigan), who displaced Dave Dumars (Northeast Louisiana) are the safeties. The signing of free agent Canadian Preston Young, who played out his option with Hamilton, solves the Concordes problem at rover.

Don Sweet will handle the place-kicking and, for now, Buono the punting. But Galat will undoubtedly be looking to get better yardage here.

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(AND CANADIANS WHO ATTENDED U.S. COLLEGES)

EDMONTON ESKIMOS

Ron Calcagni, QB, Arkansas (Ottawa-CFL); Leo Truss, DE, Houston; Dexter Tisby, RB, San Jose State; Alfonzo McMillan, DB, Southwestern State; Kevin Cole, RB, San Jose State; DeWayne Walker, CB, Minnesota; Marcus Jackson, OT, Purdue; Herman Parker, OT, Long Beach State; David Sauve, DE, Harvard; Jeffrey George, DB, Illinois State; Tony Fuller, RB, San Diego State; Michael Wellman, OL, Kansas (Kansas City-NFL); Jeff Boyd, WR, Chapman College; Dennis Wylie, DB, San Jose State; Dale Getty, DB, Weber State; Cliff Olander, QB, New Mexico State (N.Y. Giants-NFL); Don Lute, LB, North Carolina State; Phil Davis, QB, Wyoming; Mike Levenseller, WR, Washington State; Mike Smith, WR, Grambling; Tom Tuinei, DT, Hawaii; Farley Bell, DE, Cincinnati; Wendell Williams, DB, Fresno State; Kevin Murphy, WR, Kansas; Ralph Dixon, CB, Arizona State;

WINNIPEG BLUE BOMBERS

Nate Johnson, WR, Hillsdale (N.Y. Giants-NFL); Mike Calhoun, DT, Notre Dame; Curt Mohl, DT, UCLA; David Booze, WR, E. Kentucky; Freddie Smith, RB, Auburn; Wylie Turner, DB, Angelo State (Minnesota-NFL); Ed O'Neal, RB, Tuskegee; Charles Jones, WR, Iowa; Ted Sutton, RB, East Carolina; Eddie Hicks, RB, East Carolina; Quinton Hofer, OT, South Dakota State; Terry Drake, RB, Lubbock Christian; Jackie Robinson, WR, Kansas State; Steve Pisarkiewicz, QB, Missouri (St. Louis-NFL); Mark Streeter, DB, Arizona; Mike Smith, LB, East Tennessee State; Milson Jones, RB, North Dakota; Stan Mikawos, DT, North Dakota; Tommy Donovan, WR, Penn State; Henry Henderson, DB, Utah State;

SASKATCHEWAN ROUGHRIDERS

Ervin Cobbs, CB, Long Beach State; Hilton Dawson, LB, Kansas; Ken Dombrowski, DT, Cameron State (Calgary-CFL); Ozzie Harrell, CB, Missouri Southern State; Keith Hayes, WR, Montclair State; Dan Kendra, QB, West Virginia; Charles Krutsinger, DE, Eastern Illinois; Mike Lloyd, QB, Missouri Southern; Pierre Lord, WR, Fairmont State; Reggie Ogburn, DB, Oregon; Darrell Scott, DB, Missouri Southern; Tyrone Sperling, NG, USC; Mike Washington, RB, Washington State; Joe Adams, QB, Tennessee State; Gary Shaw, NG, Arizona; Rory Hennings, WR, Evansville; Dave Ridgway, K/P, Toledo; Chuck Braun, WR, Wisconsin-Stevens Pt; Howard Ballage, WR, Colorado; John McCoy, WR, Rice; Trent Soper, DB, East Oregon State; Paul Starke, C, East Oregon State; Russ Donham, LB, Sam Houston State; Tony Brock, LB, East Texas State; Eric Hurt, DB, San Jose State; Mike Crayton, RB, Tuskegee Institute; Fran McDermott, DB, St. Mary's (Calif.) College; Stan Gardner, DT, Kansas.

BRITISH COLUMBIA LIONS

Robert (Spider) Gaines, WR, Washington; Leo Biedermann, OT, Cal-Berkeley (Cleveland-NFL); Larry Stewart, OT, Maryland; Gerald Scott, OT, San Jose State; Leo Gray, DB, Nevada-Las Vegas (Oakland-NFL); Melvin Byrd, DB, California-Davis; John Enslow, DB, Northern Arizona; Gerald Roper, OG, Arizona; Drew Hardville, DB, Arizona (Toronto-CFL); Mike Washington, DB, San Diego State; Isaac Hagins, Southern (Tampa-NFL); Doug McDougald, DE, Virginia Tech; Rick Mohr, DE, Cal-Davis; Joe Robidou, LB, St. Cloud State; Ron Greene, RB, Cal State-Hayward; Mervyn Fernandez, WR, San Jose State; Curtis Philyaw, DB, Cal State-L.A.; Rodney Taylor, DE, San Jose State; Leroy Campbell, WR, Sonoma State; Joe Brown, DB, Iowa State; Greg Fields, DT, Grambling; Carl Foster, TE, New Mexico; Sammy Green, LB, Florida; Lance Olander, RB, Colorado; Leland Padgett, WR, Louisiana Tech; Sheldon Paris, WR, Kansas State (Calgary-CFL); Dennis Puha, DT, Nevada-Reno; Steve Rhodes, WR, Oklahoma; Don Sutton, DB, San Francisco State; Mert Van Fredenberg, OT, Cal Poly-Pomona; Zack Webster, WR, Langston;

CALGARY STAMPEDERS

Jesse Cavil, WR, Lamar Tech; Kevin Graffis, OL, Washington State; Larry James, WR, Texas A&I; Jerry Parrish, WR, Eastern Kentucky; Darrel Smith, RB, Illinois; Darryl Smith, DB, Lamar Tech; Darrell Toussant, DB, Southwest Louisiana; Bill Yancy, DB, Fresno State; Ken Brown, WR, Nebraska; Larry Barker, LB, Idaho; James West, LB, Texas Southern; George Small, DT, North Carolina Central; Gerry Datillio (Northern Colorado-Montreal CFL); Ben Booker, RB, Lamar; Steve Cichy, LB, Notre Dame; Deacon Nauslar, LB, Northern Colorado; Clifton Jones, LB, Tulane.

OTTAWA ROUGH RIDERS

Charlie Granjean, DB, Kent State; Ken Banks, LB, Eastern Michigan; John Jewell, OT, Kent State; Chris Isaac, QB, Eastern Kentucky; Gary Dulin, DT, Ohio State; Reggie Hinton, WR, Western Michigan; Dwight Porter, CB, Wittenberg; David Riley, RB, West Virginia; Danny Preston, RB, Central State; Lester Boyd, LB, Kentucky; Bob Vangorder, OG, Wayne State; Terry Cahill, DB, East Stroudsburg; Mike Ulmer, DB, Doane College (Calgary-CFL); Lawrence McPhillips, DT, Rhode Island; Andama Jarrell, RB, Joliet Jr. College; Tony Armstrong, SE, Eastern New Mexico; Bart Batten, WR, West Virginia State; Ken Brown, WR, Virginia Union; Plumber Bullock, DE, Virginia Union; Dan Cernansky, LB, Wayneborg; Greg Clarke, SB, Appalachian; James Coleman, WR, Jacksonville State; Darryl Drake, WR, Western Kentucky; Jerry Flippin, WR, Western Kentucky; David Keefe, DE, Boston State; Jackie Reed, RB, South Carolina State; Brad Reid, WR, Iowa; Buddy White, WR, West Virginia.

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Dupree Branch, DB, Colorado State; Ricky Issac, DT, Northeast Louisiana; Peter Kuras, OG, North Dakota; Jerry Kushner, OT, Dickinson State; Judson Mayes, DB, Boise State; Winston Newsome, WR, Napa Jr. College; Dennis Nickson, LB, Upsala College; Larry Powell, WR, Illinois; Kyle Stevens, RB, Washington; Lewis Walker, RB, Utah (Washington-NFL); Tom Warren, DB, North Carolina A&T; Scott Waggoner, RB, Florida; Mack Cummings, WR, East Tennessee State; Mike Horton, RB, Alabama A&M; Dwayne Butler, DB, San Jose State; Thomas Schillinger, DT, Oregon State; John Spears, DT, Ramapo College; Mike Walker, DE, Washington State; Dick Rigelhof, LB, North Dakota; Walter Smojver, DT, Florida; Peter Gales, QB, Iowa; Sam King, QB, Nevada-Las Vegas.

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TORONTO ARGONAUTS

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PAT's: 59, Rafael Septien, Dallas (1980)

	TD	TDR	TDP	TDM	XP	XPA	FG	FGA	SAF	POINTS
Atlanta	52	15	30	7	51	52	21	33	0	426
Detroit	46	26	18	2	46	46	25	35	0	397
Philadelphia	44	17	25	2	42	44	20	31	1	368
Dallas	40	15	24	1	40	40	27	35	3	367
San Francisco	43	17	20	6	42	43	19	29	0	357
Washington	42	19	19	4	38	42	19	30	0	347
Minnesota	37	8	27	2	34	37	21	25	3	325
Green Bay	37	11	24	2	36	37	22	24	0	324
St. Louis	37	20	15	2	36	37	19	32	0	315
Tampa Bay	38	13	20	5	36	38	17	28	0	315
Los Angeles	36	17	15	4	36	36	17	26	0	303
New York Giants	32	11	16	5	31	32	24	38	0	295
Chicago	31	13	14	4	29	31	12	23	1	253
New Orleans	24	16	8	0	24	24	13	25	0	207

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	XP	XPA	FG	FGA	PTS
Murray, Ed, Det.	46	46	25	35	121
Septien, Rafael, Dall.	40	40	27	35	121
Luckhurst, Mike, Atl.	51	51	21	33	114
Danelo, Joe, N.Y.G.	31	31	24	38	103
Franklin, Tony, Phil.	41	43	20	31	101
Stenerud, Jan, G.B.	35	36	22	24	101
Danmeier, Rick, Minn.	34	37	21	25	97
Moseley, Mark, Wash.	38	42	19	30	95
O'Donoghue, Neil, St.L.	36	37	19	32	93
Corral, Frank, L.A.	36	36	17	26	87
Wersching, Ray, S.F.	30	30	17	23	81
Capece, Bill, T.B.	30	32	15	24	75
Ricardo, Benny, N.O.	24	24	13	25	63
Roveto, John, Chi.	19	20	10	18	49
Yepremian, Garo, T.B.	6	6	2	4	12
Nielsen, Hans, Chi.	8	8	0	2	8
Thomas, Bob, Chi.	2	3	2	3	8

NON-KICKERS

	TD	R	P	M	PTS
Tyler, Wendell, L.A.	17	12	5	0	102
Sims, Billy, Det.	15	13	2	0	90
Jenkins, Alfred, Atl.	13	0	13	0	78
Riggins, John, Wash.	13	13	0	0	78
Rogers, George, N.O.	13	13	0	0	78
Andrews, William, Atl.	12	10	2	0	72
Springs, Ron, Dall.	12	10	2	0	72
Montgomery, Wilbert, Phil.	10	8	2	0	60
Anderson, Ottis, St.L.	9	9	0	0	54
House, Kevin, T.B.	9	0	9	0	54
Brown, Ted, Minn.	8	6	2	0	48
Huckleby, Harlan, G.B.	8	5	3	0	48
Lofton, James, G.B.	8	0	8	0	48
Payton, Walter, Chi.	8	6	2	0	48
Senser, Joe, Minn.	8	0	8	0	48
Solomon, Freddie, S.F.	8	0	8	0	48
Davis, Johnny, S.F.	7	7	0	0	42
Ellis, Gerry, G.B.	7	4	3	0	42
Hipple, Eric, Det.	7	7	0	0	42
Jackson, Alfred, Atl.	7	0	6	1	42
Rashad, Ahmad, Minn.	7	0	7	0	42
Washington, Joe, Wash.	7	4	3	0	42
Cain, Lynn, Atl.	6	4	2	0	36
Carmichael, Harold, Phil.	6	0	6	0	36
Carpenter, Rob, Hou.-N.Y.G.	6	5	1	0	36
Dorsett, Tony, Dall.	6	4	2	0	36
Giles, Jimmy, T.B.	6	0	6	0	36
Monk, Art, Wash.	6	0	6	0	36
Perkins, Johnny, N.Y.G.	6	0	6	0	36
Cosbie, Doug, Dall.	5	0	5	0	30
Francis, Wallace, Atl.	5	1	4	0	30
Green, Roy, St.L.	5	1	4	0	30
Johnson, Butch, Dall.	5	0	5	0	30
Krepfle, Keith, Phil.	5	0	5	0	30
Morris, Wayne, St.L.	5	5	0	0	30
Patton, Ricky, S.F.	5	4	1	0	30
Scott, Freddie, Det.	5	0	5	0	30
Wilder, James, T.B.	5	4	1	0	30
Wilson, Wayne, N.O.	5	1	4	0	30
Young, Charle, S.F.	5	0	5	0	30
Campfield, Billy, Phil.	4	1	3	0	24
Clark, Dwight, S.F.	4	0	4	0	24
Coffman, Paul, G.B.	4	0	4	0	24
Dennard, Preston, L.A.	4	0	4	0	24
Guman, Mike, L.A.	4	4	0	0	24
Hill, David, Det.	4	0	4	0	24
Hill, Tony, Dall.	4	0	4	0	24
Jefferson, John, G.B.	4	0	4	0	24
Russell, Booker, Phil.	4	4	0	0	24
Smith, Charles, Phil.	4	0	4	0	24
Thompson, Leonard, Det.	4	1	3	0	24
Thompson, Ricky, Wash.	4	0	4	0	24
Williams, Doug, T.B.	4	4	0	0	24
Baschnagel, Brian, CHi.	3	0	3	0	18
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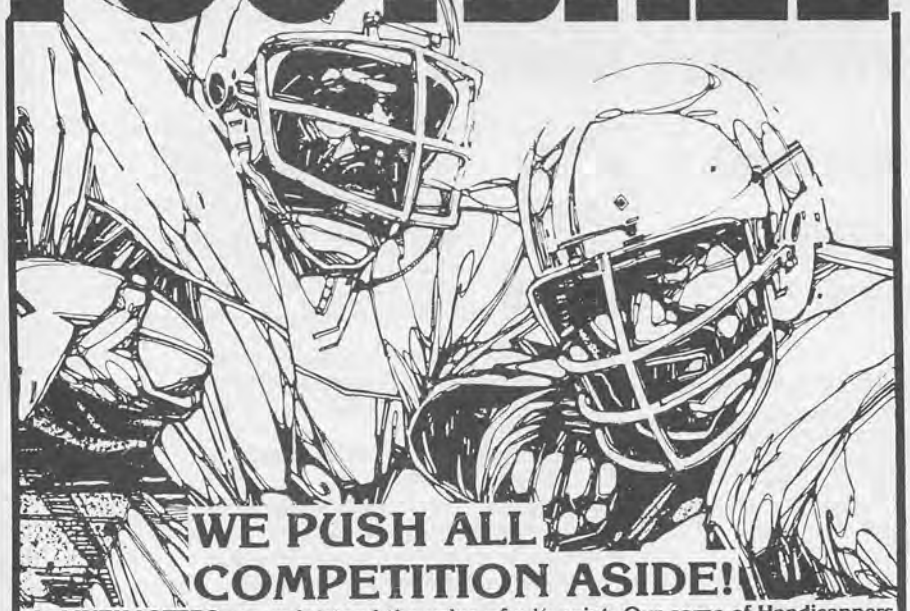

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Evans, Vince, Chi.	3	3	0	0	18
Hill, Drew, L.A.	3	0	3	0	18
Irvin, Leroy, L.A.	3	0	0	3	18
Kane, Rick, Det.	3	2	1	0	18
Lott, Ronnie, S.F.	3	0	0	3	18
Miller, Junior, Atl.	3	0	3	0	18
Owens, James, T.B.	3	3	0	0	18
Pearson, Drew, Dall.	3	0	3	0	18
Seay, Virgil, Wash.	3	0	3	0	18
Shirk, Gary, N.Y.G.	3	0	3	0	18
Suhey, Matt, Chi.	3	3	0	0	18
Tilley, Pat, St.L.	3	0	3	0	18
Watts, Rickey, Chi.	3	0	3	0	18
White, Sammy, Minn.	3	0	3	0	18
Anderson, Marcus, Chi.	2	0	2	0	12
Arnold, Walt, L.A.	2	0	2	0	12
Bell, Theo, T.B.	2	0	2	0	12
Bright, Leon, N.Y.G.	2	2	0	0	12
Brown, Cedric, T.B.	2	0	0	2	12
Danielson, Gary, Det.	2	2	0	0	12
DuPree, Billy Joe, Dall.	2	0	2	0	12
Eckwood, Jerry, T.B.	2	2	0	0	12
Galbreath, Tony, Minn.	2	2	0	0	12
Giammona, Louie, Phil.	2	1	1	0	12
Giaquinto, Nick, Mia.-Wash.	2	0	2	0	12
Gray, Earnest, N.Y.G.	2	0	2	0	12
Gray, Mel, St.L.	2	0	2	0	12
Harrell, Willard, St.L.	2	1	1	0	12
Harrington, Perry, Phil.	2	2	0	0	12
Henry, Wally, Phil.	2	0	2	0	12
Hicks, Dwight, S.F.	2	0	0	2	12
Holmes, Jack, N.O.	2	2	0	0	12
Johnson, Kenny, Atl.	2	0	0	2	12
LaFleur, Greg, St.L.	2	0	2	0	12
Lawrence, Amos, S.F.	2	1	0	1	12
LeCount, Terry, Minn.	2	0	2	0	12
Lomax, Neil, St.L.	2	2	0	0	12
Martin, George, N.Y.G.	2	0	0	2	12
Mitchell, Stump, St.L.	2	0	1	1	12
Montana, Joe, S.F.	2	2	0	0	12
Nelms, Mike, Wash.	2	0	0	2	12
Parker, Rodney, Phil.	2	0	2	0	12
Taylor, Billy, N.Y.G.	2	2	0	0	12
Theismann, Joe, Wash.	2	2	0	0	12
Williams, Dave, Chi.	2	0	2	0	12
Young, Rickey, Minn.	2	0	2	0	12
Ahrens, Dave, St.L.	1	0	0	1	6
Barnes, Benny, Dall.	1	0	0	1	6
Bell, Todd, Chi.	1	0	0	1	6
Brown, Greg, Phil.	1	0	0	1	6
Bryant, Cullen, L.A.	1	1	0	0	6
Childs, Henry, L.A.	1	0	1	0	6
Coleman, Monte, Wash.	1	0	0	1	6
Colzie, Neal, T.B.	1	0	0	1	6
Cooper, Earl, S.F.	1	1	0	0	6
Curry, Buddy, Atl.	1	0	0	1	6
Dennis, Mike, N.Y.G.	1	0	0	1	6
Earl, Robin, Chi.	1	0	1	0	6
Easley, Walt, S.F.	1	1	0	0	6
Fencik, Gary, Chi.	1	0	0	1	6
Fisher, Jeff, Chi.	1	0	0	1	6
Friede, Mike, N.Y.G.	1	0	1	0	6
Groth, Jeff, N.O.	1	0	1	0	6
Hall, Alvin, Det.	1	0	0	1	6
Hardy, Larry, N.O.	1	0	1	0	6
Harper, Roland, Chi.	1	1	0	0	6
Harris, Al, Chi.	1	0	0	1	6
Harris, Joe, L.A.	1	0	0	1	6
Hofer, Paul, S.F.	1	1	0	0	6
Holloway, Randy, Minn.	1	0	0	1	6
Hood, Estus, G.B.	1	0	0	1	6
Ivery, Eddie Lee, G.B.	1	1	0	0	6
Jackson, Louis, N.Y.G.	1	1	0	0	6
Jackson, Terry, N.Y.G.	1	0	0	1	6
Jones, Gordon, T.B.	1	0	1	0	6
Jones, James, Dall.	1	1	0	0	6
King, Horace, Det.	1	0	1	0	6
Kotar, Doug, N.Y.G.	1	1	0	0	6
Kuykendall, Fulton, Atl.	1	0	0	1	6
Lee, Mark, G.B.	1	0	0	1	6
LeMaster, Frank, Phil.	1	0	0	1	6
Logan, Dave, T.B.	1	0	0	1	6
Margerum, Ken, Chi.	1	0	1	0	6
Marsh, Doug, St.L.	1	0	1	0	6
Martin, Robby, Det.	1	0	0	1	6
Merkens, Guido, N.O.	1	0	1	0	6
Middleton, Terdell, G.B.	1	0	1	0	6
Mistler, John, N.Y.G.	1	0	1	0	6

	TD	R	P	M	Pts
Mullady, Tom, N.Y.G.	1	0	1	0	6
Nichols, Mark, Det.	1	0	1	0	6
Obradovich, Jim, T.B.	1	0	1	0	6
Oliver, Hubert, Phil.	1	1	0	0	6
Oklewicz, Neal, Wash.	1	0	0	1	6
Payton, Eddie, Minn.	1	0	0	1	6
Perry, Leon, N.Y.G.	1	0	1	0	6
Porter, Tracy, Det.	1	0	1	0	6
Pridemore, Tom, Atl.	1	0	0	1	6
Reece, Beasley, N.Y.G.	1	0	0	1	6
Ring, Bill, S.F.	1	0	1	0	6
Saldi, Jay, Dall.	1	0	1	0	6
Stief, Dave, St.L.	1	0	1	0	6
Swanke, Karl, G.B.	1	0	1	0	6
Thompson, Vince, Det.	1	1	0	0	6
Walker, Rick, Wash.	1	0	1	0	6
Warren, Don, Wash.	1	0	1	0	6
Washington, Mike, T.B.	1	0	0	1	6
Whitehurst, David, G.B.	1	1	0	0	6
Williams, Joel, Atl.	1	0	0	1	6
Wilson, Mike, S.F.	1	0	1	0	6
Young, Dave, N.Y.G.	1	0	1	0	6
Hannon, Tom, Minn.	0	0	0	0	**4
Clarke, Ken, Phil.	0	0	0	0	*2
Dutton, John, Dall.	0	0	0	0	*2
Martin, Harvey, Dall.	0	0	0	0	*2
Plank, Doug, Chi.	0	0	0	0	*2
Williams, Walt. Minn.	0	0	0	0	*2
Wilkes, Reggie, Phil.	0	0	0	0	x1
Wingo, Rich, G.B.	0	0	0	0	x1

* = Safety (also 1 team: Dall.)
x = Scored extra point on pass reception

NFC RUSHING

RECORDS
Carries: 378, George Rogers, New Orleans (1981)
Yards: 1,863, Jim Brown, Cleveland (1963)
TD's: 19, Jim Taylor, Green Bay (1962)

10 OR MORE YARDS	Att	Yards	Avg	Long	TD
Rogers, George, N.O.	378	1674	4.4	t79	13
Dorsett, Tony, Dall.	342	1646	4.8	t75	4
Sims, Billy, Det.	296	1437	4.9	51	13
Montgomery, Wilbert, Phil.	286	1402	4.9	41	8
Anderson, Ottis, St.L.	328	1376	4.2	28	9
Andrews, William, Atl.	289	1301	4.5	29	10
Payton, Walter, Chi.	339	1222	3.6	39	6
Tyler, Wendell, L.A.	260	1074	4.1	t69	12
Brown, Ted, Minn.	274	1063	3.9	34	6
Washington, Joe, Wash.	210	916	4.4	32	4
Ellis, Gerry, G.B.	196	860	4.4	29	4
Carpenter, Rob, Hou.-N.Y.G.	208	822	4.0	35	5
Riggins, John, Wash.	195	714	3.7	24	13
Eckwood, Jerry, T.B.	172	651	3.8	59	2
Springs, Ron, Dall.	172	625	3.6	16	10
Patton, Ricky, S.F.	152	543	3.6	28	4
Cain, Lynn, Atl.	156	542	3.5	35	4
Suhey, Matt, Chi.	150	521	3.5	26	3
Bussey, Dexter, Det.	105	446	4.2	23	0
Bryant, Cullen, L.A.	109	436	4.0	20	1
Guman, Mike, L.A.	115	433	3.8	18	4
Morris, Wayne, St. L.	109	417	3.8	14	5
Owens, James, T.B.	91	406	4.5	t35	3
Huckleby, Harlan, G.B.	139	381	2.7	22	5
Wilder, James, T.B.	107	370	3.5	t23	4
Kane, Rick, Det.	77	332	4.3	20	2
Cooper, Earl, S.F.	98	330	3.4	23	1
Oliver, Hubert, Phil.	75	329	4.4	39	1
Davis, Johnny, S.F.	94	297	3.2	14	7
Perry, Leon, N.Y.G.	72	257	3.6	23	0
Easley, Walt, S.F.	76	224	2.9	9	1
Evans, Vince, Chi.	43	218	5.1	25	3
Thompson, Vince, Det.	35	211	6.0	30	1
Williams, Doug, T.B.	48	209	4.4	29	4
Galbreath, Tony, Minn.	42	198	4.7	21	2
Bright, Leon, N.Y.G.	51	197	3.9	25	2
Holmes, Jack, N.O.	58	194	3.3	11	2
Hofer, Paul, S.F.	60	193	3.2	12	1
Jones, James, Dall.	34	183	5.4	t59	1
Tyler, Toussaint, N.O.	36	183	5.1	42	0
Jackson, Wilbur, Wash.	46	183	4.0	14	0
Middleton, Terdell, G.B.	53	181	3.4	34	0
Theismann, Joe, Wash.	36	177	4.9	24	2
Mitchell, Stump, St.L.	31	175	5.6	43	0
Hipple, Eric, Det.	41	168	4.1	18	7
Kotar, Doug, N.Y.G.	46	154	3.3	18	1
Harrington, Perry, Phil.	34	140	4.1	16	2

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	Att	Yards	Avg	Long	TD
Wilson, Wayne, N.O.	44	137	3.1	13	1
Murray, Calvin, Phil.	23	134	5.8	20	0
Young, Rickey, Minn.	47	129	2.7	13	0
Jaworski, Ron, Phil.	22	128	5.8	26	0
Russell, Booker, Phil.	38	123	3.2	17	4
Thomas, Jewerl, L.A.	34	118	3.5	40	0
Campfield, Billy, Phil.	31	115	3.7	13	1
Ring, Bill, S.F.	22	106	4.8	16	0
Harper, Roland, Chi.	34	106	3.1	11	1
Haden, Pat, L.A.	18	104	5.8	16	0
Lomax, Neil, St.L.	19	104	5.5	t22	2
Giaquinto, Nick, Mia.-Wash.	20	104	5.2	20	0
White, Danny, Dall.	38	104	2.7	17	0
Giammona, Louie, Phil.	35	98	2.8	9	1
Montana, Joe, S.F.	25	95	3.8	t20	2
Bell, Ricky, T.B.	30	80	2.7	8	0
Jensen, Jim, G.B.	27	79	2.9	15	0
Thompson, Leonard, Det.	10	75	7.5	21	1
Forte, Ike, N.Y.G.	19	74	3.9	15	0
McClendon, Willie, Chi.	30	74	2.5	17	0
Ivery, Eddie Lee, G.B.	14	72	5.1	28	1
Jackson, Louis, N.Y.G.	27	68	2.5	9	1
Mayberry, James, Atl.	18	66	3.7	11	0
Green, Roy, St.L.	3	60	20.0	t44	1
Metcalf, Terry, Wash.	18	60	3.3	12	0
LeCount, Terry, Minn.	3	51	17.0	38	0
Whitehurst, David, G.B.	15	51	3.4	15	1
Nichols, Mark, Det.	3	50	16.7	30	0
Lawrence, Amos, S.F.	13	48	3.7	14	1
Solomon, Freddie, S.F.	9	43	4.8	16	0
Simms, Phil, N.Y.G.	19	42	2.2	24	0
Newsome, Timmy, Dall.	13	38	2.9	7	0
Rogers, Jimmy, N.O.	9	37	4.1	15	0
Cosbie, Doug, Dall.	4	33	8.3	15	0
Atkins, Steve, G.B.-Phil.	12	33	2.8	21	0
Newhouse, Robert, Dall.	14	33	2.4	6	0
Clark, Dwight, S.F.	3	32	10.7	18	0
Pearson, Drew, Dall.	3	31	10.3	25	0
Dennard, Preston, L.A.	6	29	4.8	21	0
Elliott, Lenvil, S.F.	7	29	4.1	9	0
Manning, Archie, N.O.	2	28	14.0	15	0
Groth, Jeff, N.O.	2	27	13.5	28	0
King, Horace, Det.	7	25	3.6	7	0
Scott, Freddie, Det.	7	25	3.6	10	0
Robinson, Bo, Atl.	9	24	2.7	5	0
Danielson, Gary, Det.	9	23	2.6	t11	2
Jefferson, John, G.B.	2	22	11.0	15	0
Redwine, Jarvis, Minn.	5	20	4.0	8	0
Brunner, Scott, N.Y.G.	14	20	1.4	23	0
Williams, Dave, Chi.	2	19	9.5	15	0
Claitt, Ricky, Wash.	3	19	6.3	11	0
Cromwell, Nolan, L.A.	1	17	17.0	17	0
Moroski, Mike, Atl.	3	17	5.7	14	0
Lewis, Leo, Minn.	1	16	16.0	16	0
Hill, Drew, L.A.	1	14	14.0	14	0
Dils, Steve, Minn.	4	14	3.5	7	0
Matthews, Bo, N.Y.G.	4	14	3.5	6	0
Kramer, Tommy, Minn.	10	13	1.3	8	0
DuPree, Billy Joe, Dall.	1	12	12.0	12	0
Margerum, Ken, Chi.	1	11	11.0	11	0
Love, Randy, St.L.	3	11	3.7	4	0
Wonsley, Otis, Wash.	3	11	3.7	7	0
Baschnagel, Brian, Chi.	1	10	10.0	10	0
Erxleben, Russell, N.O.	2	10	5.0	26	0

	Att	Yards	Avg	Long	TD
Detroit	596	2795	4.7	51	26
Dallas	630	2711	4.3	t75	15
Philadelphia	559	2509	4.5	41	17
New Orleans	546	2286	4.2	t79	16
Los Angeles	559	2236	4.0	t69	17
St. Louis	519	2213	4.3	t44	20
Chicago	608	2171	3.6	39	13
Washington	532	2157	4.1	32	19
Atlanta	495	1965	4.0	35	15
San Francisco	560	1941	3.5	28	17
Tampa Bay	458	1731	3.8	59	13
New York Giants	481	1685	3.5	35	11
Green Bay	478	1670	3.5	34	11
Minnesota	391	1512	3.9	38	8

NFC PASS RECEIVING

RECORDS
Receptions: 93, John Morris, Chicago (1964)
Yards: 1,495, Elroy Hirsch, Los Angeles (1951)
TD's: 17, Don Hutson, Green Bay (1942)
17, Elroy Hirsch, Los Angeles (1951)

10 OR MORE RECEPTIONS	No	Yds	Avg	Long	TD
Clark, Dwight, S.F.	85	1105	13.0	t78	4
Brown, Ted, Minn.	83	694	8.4	63	2
Andrews, William, Atl	81	735	9.1	t70	2
Senser, Joe, Minn.	79	1004	12.7	53	8
Lofton, James, G.B.	71	1294	18.2	t75	8
Jenkins, Alfred, Atl	70	1358	19.4	67	13
Washington, Joe, Wash	70	558	8.0	32	3
Tilley, Pat, St.L.	66	1040	15.8	75	3
White, Sammy, Minn.	66	1001	15.2	53	3
Ellis, Gerry, G.B.	65	499	7.7	t46	3
Carmichael, Harold, Phil	61	1028	16.9	t85	6
Solomon, Freddie, S.F.	59	969	16.4	t60	8
Rashad, Ahmad, Minn.	58	884	15.2	53	7
House, Kevin, T.B.	56	1176	21.0	t84	9
Monk, Art, Wash.	56	894	16.0	t79	6
Coffman, Paul, G.B.	55	687	12.5	29	4
Cain, Lynn, Atl.	55	421	7.7	28	2
Scott, Freddie, Det.	53	1022	19.3	48	5
Perkins, Johnny, N.Y.G.	51	858	16.8	80	6
Cooper, Earl, S.F.	51	477	9.4	50	0
Anderson, Ottis, St.L.	51	387	7.6	27	0
Dennard, Preston, L.A.	49	821	16.8	64	4
Montgomery, Wilbert, Phil.	49	521	10.6	35	2
Metcalf, Terry, Wash.	48	595	12.4	52	0
Wilder, James, T.B.	48	507	10.6	38	1
Hill, Tony, Dall.	46	953	20.7	t63	4
Springs, Ron, Dall.	46	359	7.8	t32	2
Giles, Jimmie, T.B.	45	786	17.5	t81	6
Tyler, Wendell, L.A.	45	436	9.7	t67	5
Young, Rickey, Minn.	43	296	6.9	22	2
Shirk, Gary, N.Y.G.	42	445	10.6	46	3
Payton, Walter, Chi.	41	379	9.2	30	2
Jefferson, John, G.B.	39	632	16.2	41	4
Margerum, Ken, Chi.	39	584	15.0	41	1
Pearson, Drew, Dall.	38	614	16.2	t42	3
Smith, Charles, Phil.	38	564	14.8	45	4
Holmes, Jack, N.O.	38	206	5.4	19	0
Jackson, Alfred, Atl.	37	604	16.3	49	6
Young, Charlie, S.F.	37	400	10.8	29	5
Carpenter, Rob, Hou.-N.Y.G.	37	281	7.6	37	1
Campfield, Billy, Phil.	36	326	9.1	t29	3
Baschnagel, Brian, Chi.	34	554	16.3	t72	3
Green, Roy, St.L.	33	708	21.5	60	4
Hill, David, Det.	33	462	14.0	34	4
Suhey, Matt, Chi.	33	168	5.1	15	0
Miller, Junior, Atl.	32	398	12.4	37	3
Dorsett, Tony, Dall.	32	325	10.2	t73	2
Waddy, Bill, L.A.	31	460	14.8	46	0
Wilson, Wayne, N.O.	31	384	12.4	55	4
Thompson, Leonard, Det.	30	550	18.3	t94	3
Francis, Wallace, Atl.	30	441	14.7	36	4
Merkens, Guido, N.O.	29	458	15.8	50	1
Warren, Don, Wash.	29	335	11.6	32	1
Sims, Billy, Det.	28	451	16.1	t81	2
Thompson, Ricky, Wash.	28	423	15.1	57	4
Bright, Leon, N.Y.G.	28	291	10.4	36	0
Watts, Rickey, Chi.	27	465	17.2	t42	3
Gray, Mel, St.L.	27	310	11.5	t41	2
Hofer, Paul, S.F.	27	244	9.0	22	0
Huckleby, Harlan, G.B.	27	221	8.2	t39	3
Patton, Ricky, S.F.	27	195	7.2	t31	1
Seay, Virgil, Wash.	26	472	18.2	60	3
Johnson, Butch, Dall.	25	552	22.1	55	5
LeCount, Terry, Minn.	24	425	17.7	t43	2
Eckwood, Jerry, T.B.	24	213	8.9	33	0
Hardy, Larry, N.O.	23	275	12.0	27	1
Tyler, Toussaint, N.O.	23	135	5.9	18	0
Gray, Earnest, N.Y.G.	22	360	16.4	45	2
Bryant, Cullen, L.A.	22	160	7.3	39	0
Bell, Theo, T.B.	21	318	15.1	t58	2
Groth, Jeff, N.O.	20	380	19.0	54	1
Jones, Gordon, T.B.	20	276	13.8	44	1
Arnold, Walt, L.A.	20	212	10.6	24	2
King, Horace, Det.	20	211	10.6	41	1
Krepfle, Keith, Phil.	20	210	10.5	26	5
DuPree, Billy Joe, Dall.	19	214	11.3	t33	2
Morris, Wayne, St.L.	19	165	8.7	21	0
Friede, Mike, N.Y.G.	18	250	13.9	43	1
Kane, Rick, Det.	18	187	10.4	40	1
Galbreath, Tony, Minn.	18	144	8.0	23	0
Guman, Mike, L.A.	18	130	7.2	14	0
Williams, Dave, Chi.	18	126	7.0	t18	2
Bussey, Dexter, Det.	18	92	5.1	16	0
Cosbie, Doug, Dall.	17	225	13.2	28	5
Hill, Drew, L.A.	16	355	22.2	45	3
Rogers, George, N.O.	16	126	7.9	25	0
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Mullady, Tom, N.Y.G.	14	136	9.7	21	1
Harrell, Willard, St.L.	14	131	9.4	t62	1
Perry, Leon, N.Y.G.	13	140	10.8	24	1
Caster, Richard, N.O.-Wash.	12	185	15.4	31	0
Childs, Henry, L.A.	12	145	12.1	39	1
Owens, James, T.B.	12	145	12.1	35	0
Giaquinto, Nick, Mia.-Wash.	12	93	7.8	25	2
Middleton, Terdell, G.B.	12	86	7.2	27	1
Walker, Rick, Wash.	11	112	10.2	24	1
Harmon, Clarence, Wash.	11	98	8.9	23	0
Nichols, Mark, Det.	10	222	22.2	59	1
Miller, Willie, L.A.	10	147	14.7	20	0
Earl, Robin, Chi.	10	118	11.8	24	1
Oliver, Hubert, Phil.	10	37	3.7	27	0

TOP 25 PASS RECEIVERS BY YARDS

	Yds	No	Avg	Long	TD
Jenkins, Alfred, Atl.	1358	70	19.4	67	13
Lofton, James, G.B.	1294	71	18.2	t75	8
House, Kevin, T.B.	1176	56	21.0	t84	9
Clark, Dwight, S.F.	1105	85	13.0	t78	4
Tilley, Pat, St.L.	1040	66	15.8	75	3
Carmichael, H. Phil.	1028	61	16.9	t85	6
Scott, Freddie, Det.	1022	53	19.3	48	5
Senser, Joe, Minn.	1004	79	12.7	53	8
White, Sammy, Minn.	1001	66	15.2	53	3
Solomon, Freddie, S.F.	969	59	16.4	t60	8
Hill, Tony, Dall.	953	46	20.7	t63	4
Monk, Art, Wash.	894	56	16.0	t79	6
Rashad, Ahmad, Minn.	884	58	15.2	53	7

NFC PASSING

RECORDS
Completions: 347, Steve DeBerg, San Francisco (1979)
TD's: 36, Y.A. Tittle, New York (1963)
Yards: 3,912, Tommy Kramer, Minnesota (1981)
Longest for TD: 99 yards, Frank Filchock to Andy Farkas, Washington (1939)
99 yards, George Izo to Bobby Mitchell, Washington (1963)
99 yards, Karl Sweetan to Pat Studstill, Detroit (1966)
99 yards, Sonny Jurgensen to Gerry Allen, Washington (1968)

	Att	Comp	Pct Comp	Yards	Avg Gain	TD	Pct TD	Long	Int	Pct Int	Rating Points
Montana, Joe, S.F.	488	311	63.7	3565	7.31	19	3.9	t78	12	2.5	88.2
White, Danny, Dall.	391	223	57.0	3098	7.92	22	5.6	t73	13	3.3	87.5
Bartkowski, Steve, Atl.	533	297	55.7	3829	7.18	30	5.6	t70	23	4.3	79.2
Dickey, Lynn, G.B.	354	204	57.6	2593	7.32	17	4.8	t75	15	4.2	79.1
Theismann, Joe, Wash.	496	293	59.1	3568	7.19	19	3.8	t79	20	4.0	77.3
Williams, Doug, T.B.	471	238	50.5	3563	7.56	19	4.0	t84	14	3.0	76.5
Simms, Phil, N.Y.G.	316	172	54.4	2031	6.43	11	3.5	80	9	2.8	74.2
Jaworski, Ron, Phil.	461	250	54.2	3095	6.71	23	5.0	t85	20	4.3	74.0
Hipple, Eric, Det.	279	140	50.2	2358	8.45	14	5.0	t94	15	5.4	73.3
Kramer, Tommy, Minn.	593	322	54.3	3912	6.60	26	4.4	63	24	4.0	72.8
Hart, Jim, St.L.	241	134	55.6	1694	7.03	11	4.6	t58	14	5.8	68.9
Haden, Pat, L.A.	267	138	51.7	1815	6.80	9	3.4	t67	13	4.9	64.4
Manning, Archie, N.O.	232	134	57.8	1447	6.24	5	2.2	55	11	4.7	64.0
Lomax, Neil, St.L.	236	119	50.4	1575	6.67	4	1.7	75	10	4.2	60.1
Evans, Vince, Chi.	436	195	44.7	2354	5.40	11	2.5	t85	20	4.6	51.0
NFC NON-QUALIFIERS (10 OR MORE ATTEMPTS)											
Phipps, Mike, Chi.	17	11	64.7	171	10.06	2	11.8	t43	0	0.0	137.3
Pisarcik, Joe, Phil.	15	8	53.3	154	10.27	2	13.3	t44	2	13.3	89.3
Rutledge, Jeff, L.A.	50	30	60.0	442	8.84	3	6.0	64	4	8.0	75.6
Benjamin, Guy, S.F.	26	15	57.7	171	6.58	1	3.8	t27	1	3.8	74.4
Danielson, Gary, Det.	96	56	58.3	784	8.17	3	3.1	45	5	5.2	73.4
Whitehurst, David, G.B.	128	66	51.6	792	6.19	7	5.5	t46	5	3.9	73.0
Dils, Steve, Minn.	102	54	52.9	607	5.95	1	1.0	44	2	2.0	66.0
Carano, Glenn, Dall.	45	16	35.6	235	5.22	1	2.2	55	1	2.2	51.7
Komlo, Jeff, Det.	57	29	50.9	290	5.09	1	1.8	46	3	5.3	49.6
Wilson, Dave, N.O.	159	82	51.6	1058	6.65	1	0.6	50	11	6.9	46.1
Moroski, Mike, Atl.	26	12	46.2	132	5.08	0	0.0	22	1	3.8	45.9
Brunner, Scott, N.Y.G.	190	79	41.6	978	5.15	5	2.6	43	11	5.8	42.7
Avellini, Bob, Chi.	32	15	46.9	185	5.78	1	3.1	t72	3	9.4	36.4
Flick, Tom, Wash.	27	13	48.1	143	5.30	0	0.0	33	2	7.4	33.4
Scott, Bobby, N.O.	46	20	43.5	245	5.33	1	2.2	31	5	10.9	28.3
Campbell, Rich, G.B.	30	15	50.0	168	5.60	0	0.0	27	4	13.3	27.5
Pastorini, Dan, L.A.	152	64	42.1	719	4.73	2	1.3	46	14	9.2	22.9
Wilson, Wade, Minn.	13	6	46.2	48	3.69	0	0.0	22	2	15.4	16.4

NFC PUNTING

RECORDS
Number: 114, Bob Parsons, Chicago (1981)
Average: 51.4 yards, Sammy Baugh, Washington (1940)
Longest: 94 yards, Joe Lintzenich, Chicago (1931)

	No	Yds	Long	Avg	Total Punts	TB	Blk	Opp Ret	Ret Yds	In 20	Net Avg
Sklalany, Tom, Det.	64	2784	74	43.5	64	5	0	39	299	21	37.3
Jennings, Dave, N.Y.G.	97	4198	62	43.3	97	12	0	61	561	19	35.0
Swider, Larry, T.B.	58	2476	62	42.7	60	4	2	39	409	13	33.1
Corral, Frank, L.A.	89	3735	67	42.0	89	3	0	52	481	19	35.9
Birdsong, Carl, St.L.	69	2883	75	41.8	69	8	0	37	276	18	35.5
Miller, Jim, S.F.	93	3858	65	41.5	93	15	0	57	664	14	31.1
Coleman, Greg, Minn.	88	3646	73	41.4	88	11	0	46	399	17	34.4
White, Danny, Dall.	79	3222	60	40.8	79	7	0	38	231	19	36.1
Runager, Max, Phil.	63	2567	64	40.7	63	6	0	34	246	18	34.9
James, John, Atl.	87	3543	62	40.7	88	5	1	59	577	13	32.6
Stachowicz, Ray, G.B.	82	3330	72	40.6	84	9	2	50	511	16	31.4
Erxleben, Russell, N.O.	66	2672	60	40.5	66	6	0	36	282	11	34.4
Connell, Mike, Wash.	73	2923	57	40.0	73	5	0	50	388	13	33.4
Parsons, Bob, Chi.	114	4531	55	39.7	114	7	0	66	594	31	33.3

Perkins, Johnny, N.Y.G.	.858	51	16.8	80	6
Dennard, Preston, L.A.	.821	49	16.8	64	4
Giles, Jimmie, T.B.	.786	45	17.5	t81	6
Andrews, William, Atl.	.735	81	9.1	t70	2
Green, Roy, St.L.	.708	33	21.5	60	4
Brown, Ted, Minn.	.694	83	8.4	63	2
Coffman, Paul, G.B.	.687	55	12.5	29	4
Jefferson, John, G.B.	.632	39	16.2	41	4
Pearson, Drew, Dall.	.614	38	16.2	t42	3
Jackson, Alfred, Atl.	.604	37	16.3	49	6
Metcalf, Terry, Wash.	.595	48	12.4	52	0
Smith, Charles, Phil.	.564	38	14.8	45	4

NFC PUNT RETURNS

RECORDS
Number: 70, Danny Reece, Tampa Bay (1979)
Yards: 646, Eddie Brown, Washington (1976)
Longest for TD: 98 yards,
Gil LeFebvre, Cincinnati (1933)
98 yards, Charlie West,
Minnesota (1968)
98 yards, Dennis Morgan, Dallas (1974)

2 OR MORE RETURNS

	No	FC	Yards	Avg	Long	TD
Irvin, Leroy, L.A.	46	6	615	13.4	t84	3
Fisher, Jeff, Chi	43	20	509	11.8	t88	1
Groth, Jeff, N.O.	37	6	436	11.8	36	0
Nelms, Mike, Wash.	45	1	492	10.9	t75	2
Mitchell, Stump, St.L.	42	0	445	10.6	t50	1
Lee, Mark, G.B.	20	1	187	9.4	t94	1
Hicks, Dwight, S.F.	19	4	171	9.0	39	0
Martin, Robby, Det.	52	8	450	8.7	t45	1
Woerner, Scott, Atl.	33	16	278	8.4	38	0
Payton, Eddie, Minn.	38	8	303	8.0	18	0
Bright, Leon, N.Y.G.	52	0	410	7.9	55	0
Henry, Wally, Phil	54	8	396	7.3	52	0
Solomon, Freddie, S.F.	29	6	173	6.0	19	0
Jones, James, Dall	33	2	188	5.7	17	0
Bell, Theo, T.B.	27	0	132	4.9	13	0
Non-Qualifiers						
Nixon, Fred, G.B.	15	4	118	7.9	17	0
Smith, Reggie, Atl	12	3	99	8.3	53	0
Fellows, Ron, Dall	11	1	44	4.0	10	0
Holt, John, T.B.	9	3	100	11.1	56	0
Garrett, Alvin, N.Y.G.	8	2	57	7.1	18	0
Sciarra, John, Phil	4	0	26	6.5	10	0
Metcalf, Terry, Wash.	4	0	15	3.8	13	0
Johnson, Kenny, Atl.	4	0	6	1.5	4	0
Hill, Drew, L.A.	2	0	22	11.0	12	0
Jackson, Terry, N.Y.G.	2	0	22	11.0	21	0
Colzie, Neal, T.B.	2	0	12	6.0	12	0
Whitaker, Bill, G.B.	2	0	1	0.5	1	0
Banks, Gordon, N.O.	2	0	0	0.0	0	0
Cassidy, Ron, G.B.	2	4	0	0.0	0	0

NFC KICKOFF RETURNS

RECORDS
Number: 60, Drew Hill, Los Angeles (1981)
Yards: 1,314, Dave Hampton, Green Bay (1971)
Longest: 106 yards, Al Carmichael,
Green Bay (1956)
106 yards, Roy Green, St. Louis (1979)
TD's: 4, Travis Williams, Green Bay (1967)
4, Cecil Turner, Chicago (1970)

6 or more returns	No	Yards	Avg	Long	TD
Nelms, Mike, Wash.	37	1099	29.7	84	0
Lawrence, Amos, S.F.	17	437	25.7	t92	1
Smith, Reggie, Atl.	47	1143	24.3	52	0
Mitchell, Stump, St.L.	55	1292	23.5	67	0
Wilson, Wayne, N.O.	31	722	23.3	57	0
Payton, Eddie, Minn.	39	898	23.0	t99	1
Garrett, Alvin, N.Y.G.-Wash.	18	401	22.3	35	0
Rogers, Jimmy, N.O.	28	621	22.2	44	0
Henry, Wally, Phil	25	533	21.3	43	0
Williams, Dave, Chi	23	486	21.1	42	0
Hall, Alvin, Det.	25	525	21.0	36	0
Moorehead, Emery, Chi	23	476	20.7	56	0
Martin, Robby, Det.	25	509	20.4	34	0
Owens, James, T.B.	24	473	19.7	34	0
Hill, Drew, L.A.	60	1170	19.5	50	0
Bright, Leon, N.Y.G.	25	481	19.2	41	0
Jones, James, Dall	27	517	19.1	33	0
(Non-Qualifiers)					
Metcalf, Terry, Wash.	14	283	20.2	36	0
Lee, Mark, G.B.	14	270	19.3	31	0
Nord, Keith, Minn.	14	229	16.4	27	0

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	No	Yards	Avg	Long	TD
Newsome, Timmy, Dall	12	228	19.0	27	0
Campfield, Billy, Phil	12	223	18.6	32	0
Nixon, Fred, G.B.	12	222	18.5	25	0
Holt, John, T.B.	11	274	24.9	40	0
McCoy, Mike C., G.B.	11	221	20.1	36	0
McDole, Mardye, Minn	11	170	15.5	22	0
Ring, Bill, S.F.	10	217	21.7	29	0
Woerner, Scott, Atl	10	210	21.0	27	0
Pittman, Danny, N.Y.G.	10	194	19.4	34	0
Fellows, Ron, Dall	8	170	21.3	31	0
Green, Roy, St.L.	8	135	16.9	28	0
Huckleby, Harlan, G.B.	7	134	19.1	27	0
Harrell, Willard, St.L.	7	118	16.9	29	0
Lott, Ronnie, S.F.	7	111	15.9	20	0
Fisher, Jeff, Chi	7	102	14.6	23	0
Wonsley, Otis, Wash	6	124	20.7	27	0
Middleton, Terdell, G.B.	6	100	16.7	30	0
Frazier, Leslie, Chi	6	77	12.8	15	0

NFC INTERCEPTIONS

RECORDS
Number: 14, Dick Lane, Los Angeles (1952)
Yards: 301, Don Doll, Detroit (1949)
Longest return: 102 yards,
Bob Smith, Detroit (1949)
102 yards, Erich Barnes, New York (1961)
TD's: 3, Dick Lynch, New York (1963)
3, Herb Adderley, Green Bay (1965)
3, Monte Jackson, Los Angeles (1976)
3, Rod Perry, Los Angeles (1978)
3, Ronnie Lott, San Francisco (1981)

	No	Yards	Avg	Long	TD
Dallas	37	482	13.0	96	0
Tampa Bay	32	648	20.3	t82	4
Green Bay	30	495	16.5	53	1
San Francisco	27	448	16.6	72	4
Philadelphia	26	266	10.2	35	0
Atlanta	25	494	19.8	t101	3
Detroit	24	286	11.9	t60	1
Washington	24	249	10.4	t52	2
St. Louis	21	281	13.4	47	1
Chicago	18	345	19.2	t92	3
Los Angeles	17	237	13.9	94	0
New York Giants	17	222	13.1	t32	1
New Orleans	17	214	12.6	54	0
Minnesota	16	120	7.5	28	0

	No	Yards	Avg	Long	TD
Walls, Everson, Dall	11	133	12.1	33	0
Hicks, Dwight, S.F.	9	239	26.6	72	1
Brown, Cedric, T.B.	9	215	23.9	t81	2
Thurman, Dennis, Dall	9	187	20.8	96	0
Allen, Jim, Det.	9	123	13.7	34	0
Pridemore, Tom, Atl	7	221	31.6	t101	1
Lott, Ronnie, S.F.	7	117	16.7	t41	3
Greene, Ken, St.L.	7	111	15.9	47	0
Downs, Michael, Dall	7	81	11.6	25	0
Murphy, Mark, Wash	7	68	9.7	29	0
Harvey, Maurice, G.B.	6	217	36.2	53	0
Washington, Mike, TB	6	156	26.0	34	1
Fencik, Gary, Chi	6	121	20.2	t69	1
Colzie, Neal, T.B.	6	110	18.3	t82	1
Lee, Mark, G.B.	6	50	8.3	25	0
Cromwell, Nolan, L.A.	5	94	18.8	94	0
Butler, Bobby, Atl	5	86	17.2	41	0
Johnson, Cecil, T.B.	5	84	16.8	36	0
Wilson, Brenard, Phil	5	73	14.6	26	0
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Reece, Beasley, N.Y.G.	4	84	21.0	32	0
Thomas, Pat, L.A.	4	80	20.0	64	0
Waymer, Dave, N.O.	4	54	13.5	31	0
Lavender, Joe, Wash	4	52	13.0	30	0
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White, Stan, Det.	4	37	9.3	16	0
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Johnson, Kenny, Atl	3	35	11.7	23	0
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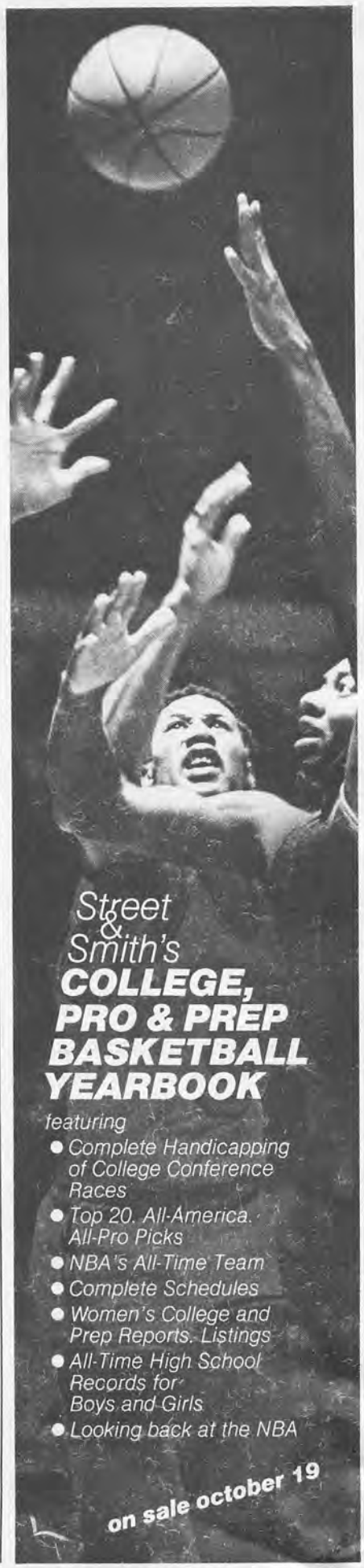

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Harris, Al, Chi.	1	44	44.0	t44	1
Favron, Calvin, St.L.	1	42	42.0	42	0
Wingo, Rich, G.B.	1	38	38.0	38	0
Curry, Buddy, Atl.	1	35	35.0	t35	1
Ray, Ricky, N.O.	1	33	33.0	33	0
Brown, Guy, Dall.	1	28	28.0	28	0
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Williams, Joel, Atl.	1	25	25.0	25	0
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FG's: 34, Jim Turner, New York (1968)
PAT's: 64, George Blanda, Houston (1961)

	TD	TDR	TDP	TDM	XP	XPA	FG	FGA	SAF	POINTS
San Diego	61	26	34	1	55	61	19	26	0	478
Cincinnati	51	19	30	2	49	51	22	32	0	421
Pittsburgh	47	21	25	1	38	46	12	17	0	356
New York Jets	40	11	26	3	38	40	25	36	1	355
Miami	39	18	18	3	37	39	24	31	1	345
Kansas City	38	22	12	4	37	38	26	36	0	343
New England	40	23	17	0	37	40	15	24	0	322
Seattle	40	14	21	5	37	40	15	24	0	322
Denver	39	12	27	0	36	39	17	30	0	321
Buffalo	38	13	25	0	37	38	14	24	2	311
Houston	34	11	21	2	32	34	15	22	0	281
Cleveland	32	11	21	0	31	32	17	33	1	276
Oakland	33	11	18	4	27	33	14	24	3	273
Baltimore	33	11	21	1	29	33	10	18	1	259

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	XP	XPA	FG	FGA	PTS
Breech, Jim, Cin	49	51	22	32	115
Lowery, Nick, K.C	37	38	26	36	115
Leahy, Pat, N.Y.J	38	39	25	36	113
Benirschke, Rolf, S.D	55	61	19	26	112
von Schamann, Uwe, Mia	37	38	24	31	109
Steinfort, Fred, Den	36	37	17	30	87
Smith, John, N.E	37	39	15	24	82
Bahr, Matt, S.F.-Clev	34	34	15	26	79
Mike-Mayer, Nick, Buff	37	37	14	24	79
Fritsch, Toni, Hou	32	34	15	22	77
Trout, David, Pitt	38	46	12	17	74
Bahr, Chris, Oak	27	33	14	24	69
Herrera, Efren, Sea	23	25	12	17	59
Wood, Mike, Balt	29	33	10	18	59
Alvarez, Wilson, Sea	14	15	3	7	23
Jacobs, Dave, Clev	9	10	4	12	21
Cox, Steve, Clev	0	0	0	1	0

NON-KICKERS

	TD	R	P	M	PTS
Muncie, Chuck, S.D	19	19	0	0	114
Johnson, Pete, Cin	16	12	4	0	96
Watson, Steve, Den	13	0	13	0	78
Jackson, Billy, K.C	11	10	1	0	66
Campbell, Earl, Hou	10	10	0	0	60
Cribbs, Joe, Buff	10	3	7	0	60
Dickey, Curtis, Balt	10	7	3	0	60
Largent, Steve, Sea	10	1	9	0	60
Winslow, Kellen, S.D	10	0	10	0	60
Butler, Ray, Balt	9	0	9	0	54
Harris, Franco, Pitt	9	8	1	0	54
Walker, Wesley, N.Y.J	9	0	9	0	54
Brown, Theotis, St.L.-Sea	8	8	0	0	48
Butler, Jerry, Buff	8	0	8	0	48
Casper, Dave, Hou	8	0	8	0	48
Collinsworth, Cris, Cin	8	0	8	0	48
Franklin, Andra, Mia	8	7	1	0	48
Nathan, Tony, Mia	8	5	3	0	48
Pruitt, Mike, Clev	8	7	1	0	48
Barkum, Jerome, N.Y.J	7	0	7	0	42
Burrough, Ken, Hou	7	0	7	0	42
Collins, Anthony, N.E	7	7	0	0	42
Joiner, Charlie, S.D	7	0	7	0	42
Smith, Jim, Pitt	7	0	7	0	42
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Leaks, Roosevelt, Buff	6	6	0	0	36
Morgan, Stanley, N.E	6	0	6	0	36
Newsome, Ozzie, Clev	6	0	6	0	36
Cappelletti, John, S.D	5	4	1	0	30
Doornink, Dan, Sea	5	1	4	0	30
Harper, Bruce, N.Y.J	5	4	1	0	30
Hooks, Roland, Buff	5	3	2	0	30
Kreider, Steve, Cin	5	0	5	0	30
Long, Kevin, N.Y.J	5	2	3	0	30
Lytle, Rob, Den	5	4	1	0	30
McKnight, Ted, K.C	5	5	0	0	30
Odoms, Riley, Den	5	0	5	0	30
Ross, Dan, Cin	5	0	5	0	30
Stallworth, John, Pitt	5	0	5	0	30
Swann, Lynn, Pitt	5	0	5	0	30
Canada, Larry, Den	4	3	1	0	24
Chandler, Bob, Oak	4	0	4	0	24
Cunningham, Sam, N.E	4	4	0	0	24
Griffin, Archie, Cin	4	3	1	0	24
Jensen, Derrick, Oak	4	4	0	0	24
Lewis, Frank, Buff	4	0	4	0	24
Logan, Dave, Clev	4	0	4	0	24
Marshall, Henry, K.C	4	0	4	0	24
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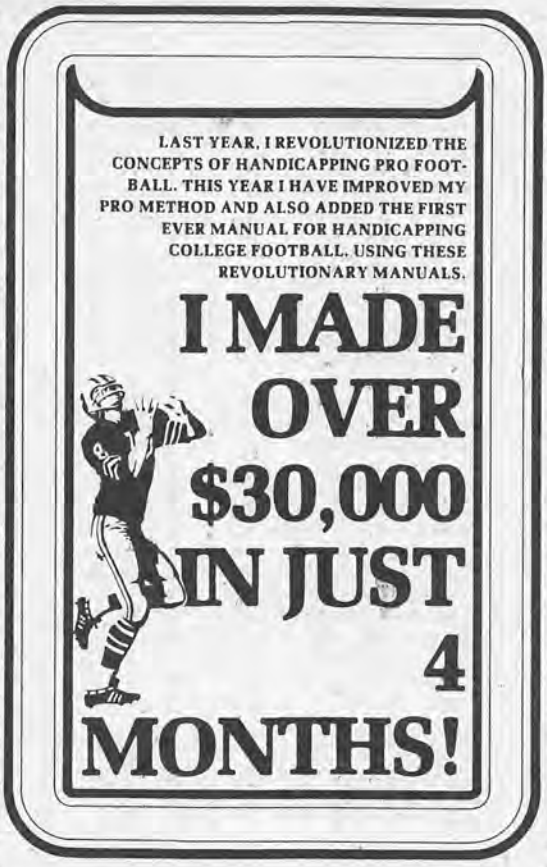

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5	2/3	67%	+ 1,050	5/8	63%	+ 570		+ 1,620/+10,890
6	1/2	50%	− 50	11/15	73%	+ 3,130		+ 3,080/+13,970
7	3/4	75%	+ 1,230	13/19	68%	+ 3,380		+ 4,610/+18,580
8	2/6	33%	− 1,760	5/15	33%	− 3,080		− 4,840/+13,740
9	2/4	50%	+ 120	9/12	75%	+ 2,980		+ 3,100/+16,840
10	1/1	100%	+ 1,100	6/9	67%	+ 850		+ 1,950/+18,790
11	4/4	100%	+ 2,400	13/16	81%	+ 4,870		+ 7,270/+26,060
12	2/4	50%	− 870	9/12	75%	+ 2,480		+ 1,610/+27,670
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Ramsey, Derrick, Oak.	4	0	4	0	24
Smith, Sherman, Sea.	4	3	1	0	24
Thornton, Sidney, Pitt.	4	4	0	0	24
Vigorito, Tommy, Mia.	4	1	2	1	24
Woodley, David, Mia.	4	4	0	0	24
Alexander, Charles, Cin.	3	2	1	0	18
Bradshaw, Morris, Oak.	3	0	3	0	18
Carr, Roger, Balt.	3	0	3	0	18
Cavanaugh, Matt, N.E.	3	3	0	0	18
Cefalo, Jimmy, Mia.	3	0	3	0	18
Cunningham, Bennie, Pitt.	3	0	3	0	18
Delaney, Joe, K.C.	3	3	0	0	18
Feacher, Ricky, Clev.	3	0	3	0	18
Ferguson, Vagas, N.E.	3	3	0	0	18
Hadnot, James, K.C.	3	3	0	0	18
Jones, Johnny, N.Y.J.	3	0	3	0	18
Malone, Mark, Pitt.	3	2	1	0	18
McCullum, Sam, Sea.	3	0	3	0	18
McNeil, Freeman, N.Y.J.	3	2	1	0	18
Parros, Rick, Den.	3	2	1	0	18
Preston, Dave, Den.	3	3	0	0	18
Sievers, Eric, S.D.	3	0	3	0	18
Tatupo, Mosi, N.E.	3	2	1	0	18
Upchurch, Rick, Den.	3	0	3	0	18
Wittington, Arthur, Oak.	3	1	2	0	18
Christensen, Todd, Oak.	2	0	2	0	*14
Bradshaw, Terry, Pitt.	2	2	0	0	12
Brammer, Mark, Buff.	2	0	2	0	12
Calhoun, Don, N.E.	2	2	0	0	12
Curtis, Isaac, Cin.	2	0	2	0	12
Dierking, Scott, N.Y.J.	2	1	1	0	12
Dixon, Al, K.C.	2	0	2	0	12
Grogan, Steve, N.E.	2	2	0	0	12
Harris, Duriel, Mia.	2	0	2	0	12
Harris, John, Sea.	2	0	0	2	12
Harris, M.L., Cin.	2	0	2	0	12
Hawthorne, Greg, Pitt.	2	2	0	0	12
Hill, Calvin, Clev.	2	0	2	0	12
Hill, Eddie, Mia.	2	1	1	0	12
Holston, Michael, Hou.	2	0	2	0	12
Hughes, David, Sea.	2	0	2	0	12
Jones, Bobby, N.Y.J.	2	0	1	1	12
McCall, Reese, Balt.	2	0	2	0	12
McCauley, Don, Balt.	2	0	2	0	12
Miller, Cleo, Clev.	2	2	0	0	12
Moore, Nat, Mia.	2	0	2	0	12
Pollard, Frank, Pitt.	2	2	0	0	12
Ray, Darroll, N.Y.J.	2	0	0	2	12
Rose, Joe, Mia.	2	0	2	0	12
Smith, J.T., K.C.	2	0	2	0	12
Smith, Ron, S.D.	2	0	2	0	12
van Eeghen, Mark, Oak.	2	2	0	0	12
Verser, David, Cin.	2	0	2	0	12
Westbrook, Don, N.E.	2	0	2	0	12
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Anderson, Ken, Cin.	1	1	0	0	6
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Augustyniak, Mike, N.Y.J.	1	1	0	0	6
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Coleman, Ronnie, Hou.	1	1	0	0	6
Davis, Russell, Pitt.	1	1	0	0	6
Dixon, Zachary, Balt.	1	0	1	0	6
Easley, Kenney, Sea.	1	0	0	1	6
Egloff, Ron, Den.	1	0	1	0	6
Ferguson, Joe, Buff.	1	1	0	0	6
Franklin, Cleveland, Balt.	1	1	0	0	6
Grossman, Randy, Pitt.	1	0	1	0	6
Hardman, Cedric, Oak.	1	0	0	1	6
Hargrove, Jimmy, Cin.	1	1	0	0	6
Howard, Thomas, K.C.	1	0	0	1	6
Jodat, Jim, Sea.	1	1	0	0	6
Johns, Paul, Sea.	1	0	1	0	6
Johnson, Andy, N.E.	1	0	1	0	6
Johnson, Gary, S.D.	1	0	0	1	6
Johnson, Greggory, Sea.	1	0	0	1	6
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Kenney, Bill, K.C.	1	1	0	0	6
Kozlowski, Mike, Mia.	1	0	0	1	6
Kreig, Dave, Sea.	1	1	0	0	6
Landry, Greg, Balt.	1	0	0	1	6
Lee, Ronnie, Mia.	1	0	1	0	6
Moser, Rick, Pitt.	1	0	1	0	6
Moses, Haven, Den.	1	0	1	0	6
Newton, Tom, N.Y.J.	1	1	0	0	6
Owens, Burgess, Oak.	1	0	0	1	6
Paul, Whitney, K.C.	1	0	0	1	6
Pennywell, Carlos, N.E.	1	0	1	0	6
Pinney, Ray, Pitt.	1	0	1	0	6
Plunkett, Jim, Oak.	1	1	0	0	6
Renfro, Mike, Hou.	1	0	1	0	6
Roaches, Carl, Hou.	1	0	0	1	6
Rome, Stan, K.C.	1	0	1	0	6
Rucker, Reggie, Clev.	1	0	1	0	6
St. Clair, Mike, Cin.	1	0	0	1	6
Scales, Dwight, S.D.	1	0	1	0	6
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Watts, Ted, Oak.	1	0	0	1	6
Walker, Fulton, Mia.	1	0	0	1	6
White, Charles, Clev.	1	1	0	0	6
Williams, Clarence, S.D.	1	0	1	0	6
Willis, Chester, Oak.	1	1	0	0	6
Wright, James, Den.	1	0	1	0	6
Zorn, Jim, Sea.	1	1	0	0	6
Buttle, Greg, N.Y.J.	0	0	0	0	*2
Gordon, Larry, Mia.	0	0	0	0	*2
Robinson, Johnny, Oak.	0	0	0	0	*2
Taylor, Hosea, Balt.	0	0	0	0	*2
Williams, Ben, Buff.	0	0	0	0	*2

*=Safety (also 1 each: Buff., Clev., Oak.)

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10 OR MORE YARDS	Att	Yards	Avg	Long	TD
-Campbell, Earl, Hou.	361	1376	3.8	43	10
Muncie, Chuck, S.D.	251	1144	4.6	t73	19
Delaney, Joe, K.C.	234	1121	4.8	t82	3
Pruitt, Mike, Clev.	247	1103	4.5	21	7
Cribbs, Joe, Buff.	257	1097	4.3	35	3
Johnson, Pete, Cin.	274	1077	3.9	t39	12
Harris, Franco, Pitt.	242	987	4.1	50	8
Collins, Anthony, N.E.	204	873	4.3	29	7
King, Kenny, Oak.	170	828	4.9	60	0
Nathan, Tony, Mia.	147	782	5.3	46	5
Dickey, Curtis, Balt.	164	779	4.8	t67	7
Parros, Rick, Den.	176	749	4.3	25	2
Franklin, Andra, Mia.	201	711	3.5	29	7
Preston, Dave, Den.	183	640	3.5	23	3
McNeil, Freeman, N.Y.J.	137	623	4.5	43	2
Hadnot, James, K.C.	140	603	4.3	30	3
McMillen, Randy, Balt.	149	597	4.0	42	3
Brown, Theotis, St.L.Sea.	156	583	3.7	43	8
Pollard, Frank, Pitt.	123	570	4.6	29	2
Brooks, James, S.D.	109	525	4.8	t28	3
Jensen, Derrick, Oak.	117	456	3.9	33	4
Jackson, Billy, K.C.	111	398	3.6	31	10
Harper, Bruce, N.Y.J.	81	393	4.9	t29	4
Leaks, Roosevelt, Buff.	91	357	3.9	31	6
White, Charles, Clev.	97	342	3.5	26	1
Ferguson, Vagas, N.E.	78	340	4.4	t19	3
Augustyniak, Mike, N.Y.J.	85	339	4.0	12	1
Dierking, Scott, N.Y.J.	74	328	4.4	t15	1
Anderson, Ken, Cin.	46	320	7.0	25	1
Alexander, Charles, Cin.	98	292	3.0	16	2
Dixon, Zachary, Balt.	73	285	3.9	41	0
Woodley, David, Mia.	63	272	4.3	26	4
Davis, Russell, Pitt.	47	270	5.7	28	1
Long, Kevin, N.Y.J.	73	269	3.7	19	2
Cunningham, Sam, N.E.	86	269	3.1	12	4
Cappelletti, John, S.D.	68	254	3.7	30	4
Smith, Sherman, Sea.	83	253	3.0	21	3
Hooks, Roland, Buff.	51	250	4.9	19	3
Newton, Tom, N.Y.J.	73	244	3.3	13	1
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Tatupo, Mosi, N.E.	38	201	5.3	43	2
McKnight, Ted, K.C.	54	195	3.6	26	5
Doornink, Dan, Sea.	65	194	3.0	11	1
Hawkins, Frank, Oak.	40	165	4.1	19	0
Miller, Cleo, Clev.	52	165	3.2	13	2
Griffin, Archie, Cin.	47	163	3.5	23	3
Bradshaw, Terry, Pitt.	38	162	4.3	16	2
Reed, Tony, Den.	68	156	2.3	10	0
Sipe, Brian, Clev.	38	153	4.0	22	1
van Eeghen, Mark, Oak.	39	150	3.8	11	2
Wilson, Marc, Oak.	30	147	4.9	18	2
Armstrong, Adger, Hou.	31	146	4.7	18	0
Hill, Eddie, Mia.	37	146	3.9	24	1
Zorn, Jim, Sea.	30	140	4.7	20	1
McCutcheon, Lawrence, Buff.	34	138	4.1	12	0
Hughes, David, Sea.	47	135	2.9	15	0
Todd, Richard, N.Y.J.	32	131	4.1	19	0
Pruitt, Greg, Clev.	31	124	4.0	15	0
Fuller, Steve, K.C.	19	118	6.2	27	0
Vigorito, Tommy, Mia.	35	116	3.3	t30	1
Canada, Larry, Den.	33	113	3.4	11	3
Taylor, Billy, N.Y.G.-N.Y.J.	38	111	2.9	14	2
Lytle, Rob, Den.	30	106	3.5	18	4
Jodat, Jim, Sea.	31	106	3.4	15	1
Bennett, Woody, Mia.	28	104	3.7	12	0
Cavanaugh, Matt, N.E.	17	92	5.4	11	3
Coleman, Ronnie, Hou.	21	91	4.3	30	1
Kenney, Bill, K.C.	24	89	3.7	21	1
Jones, Bert, Balt.	20	85	4.3	17	0
Marshall, Henry, K.C.	3	69	23.0	34	0
Malone, Mark, Pitt.	16	68	4.3	19	2
Hargrove, Jimmy, Cin.	16	66	4.1	27	1
Bledsoe, Curtis, K.C.	20	65	3.3	13	0
Hawthorne, Greg, Pitt.	25	58	2.3	16	2
Upchurch, Rick, Den.	5	56	11.2	37	0
Krieg, Dave, Sea.	11	56	5.1	29	1
Fouts, Dan, S.D.	22	56	2.5	13	0
Willis, Chester, Oak.	16	54	3.4	t15	1
Franklin, Cleveland, Balt.	21	52	2.5	8	1
Grogan, Steve, N.E.	12	49	4.1	t24	2
Largent, Steve, Sea.	6	47	7.8	15	1
Schonert, Turk, Cin.	7	41	5.9	19	0
DeBerg, Steve, Den.	9	40	4.4	11	0
Ivory, Horace, Sea.	9	38	4.2	7	0
Plunkett, Jim, Oak.	12	38	3.2	t13	1
McCauley, Don, Balt.	10	37	3.7	8	0
Wilson, Tim, Hou.	13	35	2.7	7	0
Riddick, Robb, Buff.	3	29	9.7	12	0
Ferguson, Joe, Buff.	20	29	1.5	16	1
Adkins, Sam, Sea.	3	28	9.3	13	0
Williams, Clarence, S.D.	20	26	1.3	6	0
West, Jeff, Sea.	3	25	8.3	27	0
Hill, Calvin, Clev.	4	23	5.8	9	0
Lane, Eric, Sea.	8	22	2.8	5	0
Kreider, Steve, Cin.	1	21	21.0	21	0
Morgan, Stanley, N.E.	2	21	10.5	11	0
Howell, Steve, Mia.	5	21	4.2	9	0
Newsome, Ozzie, Clev.	2	20	10.0	14	0
Lewis, Kenny, N.Y.J.	6	18	3.0	7	0
Morton, Craig, Den.	8	18	2.3	5	0
Stallworth, John, Pitt.	1	17	17.0	17	0
Brammer, Mark, Buff.	2	17	8.5	11	0
Moore, Jeff, Sea.	1	15	15.0	15	0
Smith, Jim, Pitt.	1	15	15.0	15	0
Orosz, Tom, Mia.	1	13	13.0	13	0
Reaves, John, Hou.	6	13	2.2	13	0
Landry, Greg, Balt.	1	11	11.0	11	0
Wright, James, Den.	1	11	11.0	11	0
Verser, David, Cin.	2	11	5.5	9	0
Stoudt, Cliff, Pitt.	3	11	3.7	10	0

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Cincinnati	4	931,973	4.0	t39	19
Cleveland	4	741,929	4.1	26	11
Denver	5	151,895	3.7	37	12
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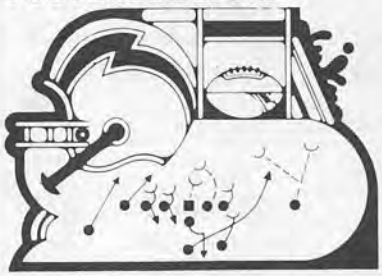

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AFC PASSING

RECORDS
Completions: 360, Dan Fouts, San Diego (1981)
TD's: 36, George Blanda, Houston (1961)
Yards: 4,802, Dan Fouts, San Diego (1981)
Longest for TD: 98 yards, Jacky Lee to Willard Dewveall (1962)

	Att	Comp	Pct Comp	Yards	Avg Gain	TD	Pct TD	Long	Int	Pct Int	Rating Points
Anderson, Ken, Cin.	479	300	62.6	3754	7.84	29	6.1	t74	10	2.1	98.5
Morton, Craig, Den.	376	225	59.8	3195	8.50	21	5.6	t95	14	3.7	90.6
Fouts, Dan, S.D.	609	360	59.1	4802	7.89	33	5.4	t67	17	2.8	90.6
Bradshaw, Terry, Pitt.	370	201	54.3	2887	7.80	22	5.9	t90	14	3.8	83.7
Zorn, Jim, Sea.	397	236	59.4	2788	7.02	13	3.3	t80	9	2.3	82.3
Todd, Richard, N.Y.J.	497	279	56.1	3231	6.50	25	5.0	49	13	2.6	81.8
Jones, Bert, Balt.	426	244	57.3	3094	7.26	21	4.9	67	20	4.7	76.8
Ferguson, Joe, Buff.	498	252	50.6	3652	7.33	24	4.8	t67	20	4.0	74.1
Woodley, David, Mia.	366	191	52.2	2470	6.75	12	3.3	t69	13	3.6	69.7
Stabler, Ken, Hou.	285	165	57.9	1988	6.98	14	4.9	t71	18	6.3	69.5
Sipe, Brian, Clev.	567	313	55.2	3876	6.84	17	3.0	62	25	4.4	68.3
Kenney, Bill, K.C.	274	147	53.6	1983	7.24	9	3.3	t64	16	5.8	63.8
Grogan, Steve, N.E.	216	117	54.2	1859	8.61	7	3.2	t76	16	7.4	63.0
Cavanaugh, Matt, N.E.	219	115	52.5	1633	7.46	5	2.3	65	13	5.9	60.0
Wilson, Marc, Oak.	366	173	47.3	2311	6.31	14	3.8	t66	19	5.2	58.8
AFC NON-QUALIFIERS (10 OR MORE ATTEMPTS)											
McDonald, Paul, Clev.	57	35	61.4	463	8.12	4	7.0	46	2	3.5	95.8
Nielsen, Gifford, Hou.	93	60	64.5	709	7.62	5	5.4	44	3	3.2	92.3
Krieg, Dave, Sea.	112	64	57.1	843	7.53	7	6.3	t57	5	4.5	83.3
Schonert, Turk, Cin.	19	10	52.6	166	8.74	0	0.0	36	0	0.0	82.3
DeBerg, Steve, Den.	108	64	59.3	797	7.38	6	5.6	44	6	5.6	77.6
Fuller, Steve, K.C.	134	77	57.5	934	6.97	3	2.2	53	4	3.0	73.9
Adkins, Sam, Sea.	13	7	53.8	96	7.38	1	7.7	t31	1	7.7	71.3
Strock, Don, Mia.	130	79	60.8	901	6.93	6	4.6	52	8	6.2	71.1
Reaves, John, Hou.	61	31	50.8	379	6.21	2	3.3	t51	2	3.3	67.6
Malone, Mark, Pitt.	88	45	51.1	553	6.28	3	3.4	30	5	5.7	58.4
Plunkett, Jim, Oak.	179	94	52.5	1045	5.84	4	2.2	42	9	5.0	56.7
Landry, Greg, Balt.	29	14	48.3	195	6.72	0	0.0	34	1	3.4	56.2
Thompson, Jack, Cin.	49	21	42.9	267	5.45	1	2.0	21	2	4.1	50.1
Ryan, Pat, N.Y.J.	10	4	40.0	48	4.80	1	10.0	18	1	10.0	49.2
Luther, Ed, S.D.	15	7	46.7	68	4.53	0	0.0	25	1	6.7	32.0
Owen, Tom, N.E.	36	15	41.7	218	6.06	1	2.8	28	4	11.1	31.8
Humm, David, Balt.	24	7	29.2	90	3.75	0	0.0	20	2	8.3	8.1

AFC PUNTING

RECORDS
Number: 105, Bob Scarpitto, Denver (1967)
Average: 46.2 yards, Dave Lewis, Cincinnati (1970)
Longest: 98 yards, Steve O'Neal, New York (1969)

	No	Yds	Long	Avg	Total Punts	TB	Blk	Opp Ret	Ret Yds	In 20	Net Avg
McInally, Pat, Cin.	72	3272	62	45.4	73	11	1	42	416	17	36.1
Guy, Ray, Oak.	96	4195	69	43.7	96	15	0	45	514	23	35.2
Colquitt, Craig, Pitt.	84	3641	74	43.3	84	16	0	34	358	25	35.3
Cox, Steve, Clev.	68	2884	66	42.4	70	12	2	30	253	11	34.2
Camarillo, Rich, N.E.	47	1959	75	41.7	47	9	0	20	209	12	33.4
Roberts, George, S.D.	62	2540	61	41.0	63	7	1	31	168	16	35.4
Orosz, Tom, Mia.	83	3386	61	40.8	83	11	0	45	286	21	34.7
Ramsey, Chuck, N.Y.J.	81	3290	65	40.6	81	13	0	31	149	27	35.6
Prestridge, Luke, Den.	86	3478	67	40.4	86	5	0	46	388	20	34.8
Parsley, Cliff, Hou.	79	3137	62	39.7	79	3	0	47	360	17	34.4
Cater, Greg, Buff.	80	3175	71	39.7	80	12	0	34	220	16	33.9
Garrett, Mike, Balt.	78	3071	57	39.4	78	2	0	44	402	11	33.7
West, Jeff, Sea.	66	2578	56	39.1	66	2	0	32	153	16	36.1
Grupp, Bob, K.C.	41	1556	57	38.0	41	1	0	26	165	5	33.4

AFC PASS RECEIVING

RECORDS
Receptions: 101, Charlie Hennigan, Houston (1964)
Yards: 1,746, Charlie Hennigan, Houston (1961)
TD's: 17, Bill Groman, Houston (1961)

10 or more receptions	No	Yds	Avg	Long	TD
Winslow, Kellen, S.D.	88	1075	12.2	t67	10
Largent, Steve, Sea.	75	1224	16.3	t57	9
Ross, Dan, Cin.	71	910	12.8	37	5
Lewis, Frank, Buff.	70	1244	17.8	33	4
Joiner, Charlie, S.D.	70	1188	17.0	57	7
Chandler, Wes, N.O.-S.D.	69	1002	14.5	62	6
Newsome, Ozzie, Clev.	69	1002	14.5	62	6
Collinsworth, Cris, Cin.	67	1009	15.1	t74	8
Pruitt, Greg, Clev.	65	636	9.8	33	4
Stallworth, John, Pitt.	63	1098	17.4	55	5
Smith, J.T., K.C.	63	852	13.5	42	2
Pruitt, Mike, Clev.	63	442	7.0	21	1
Watson, Steve, Den.	60	1244	20.7	t95	13
Butler, Jerry Buff.	55	842	15.3	t67	8
Harris, Duriel, Mia.	53	911	17.2	55	2
Ramsey, Derrick, Oak.	52	674	13.0	t66	4
Preston, Dave, Den.	52	507	9.9	37	0
Harper, Bruce, N.Y.J.	52	459	8.8	24	1
McMillen, Randy, Balt.	50	466	9.3	31	1
Nathan, Tony, Mia.	50	452	9.0	31	3
Walker, Wesley, N.Y.J.	47	770	16.4	49	9
Butler, Ray, Balt.	46	832	18.1	t67	9
Hasselbeck, Don, N.E.	46	808	17.6	51	6
McCullum, Sam, Sea.	46	567	12.3	t36	3
Brooks, James, S.D.	46	329	7.2	t29	3
Johnson, Pete, Cin.	46	320	7.0	33	4
Morgan, Stanley, N.E.	44	1029	23.4	t76	6
Smith, Sherman, Sea.	44	406	9.2	28	1
Muncie, Chuck, S.D.	43	363	8.4	32	0
Branch, Cliff, Oak.	41	635	15.5	53	1
Cunningham, Bennie, Pitt.	41	574	14.0	30	3
Burrough, Ken, Hou.	40	668	16.7	t71	7
Cribbs, Joe, Buff.	40	603	15.1	t65	7

	No	Yds	Avg	Long	TD
Jackson, Harold, N.E.	39	669	17.2	45	0
Barkum, Jerome, N.Y.J.	39	495	12.7	t40	7
Renfro, Mike, Hou.	39	451	11.6	43	1
Johnson, Andy, N.E.	39	429	11.0	36	1
Marshall, Henry, K.C.	38	620	16.3	t64	4
Carr, Roger, Balt.	38	584	15.4	43	3
Odoms, Riley, Den.	38	516	13.6	28	5
Curtis, Isaac, Cinn.	37	609	16.5	68	2
Kreider, Steve, Cin.	37	520	14.1	46	5
Dickey, Curtis, Balt.	37	419	11.3	50	3
Harris, Franco, Pitt.	37	250	6.8	26	1
McCauley, Don, Balt.	36	347	9.6	31	2
Campbell, Earl, Hou.	36	156	4.3	17	0
Hughes, David, Sea.	35	263	7.5	22	2
Swann, Lynn, Pitt.	34	505	14.9	44	5
Reed, Tony, Den.	34	317	9.3	33	0
Casper, Dave, Hou.	33	572	17.3	t52	8
Brammer, Mark, Buff.	33	365	11.1	24	2
Vigorito, Tommy, Mia.	33	237	7.2	t31	2
Upchurch, Rick, Den.	32	550	17.2	63	3
Logan, Dave, Clev.	31	497	16.0	t40	4
Feacher, Ricky, Clev.	29	654	22.6	48	3
Cefalo, Jimmy, Mia.	29	631	21.8	t69	3
Smith, Jim, Pitt.	29	571	19.7	t46	7
Dixon, A., K.C.	29	356	12.3	48	2
Brown, Theotis, St.L.-Sea.	29	328	11.3	51	0
Armstrong, Adger, Hou.	29	278	9.6	48	1
Jensen, Derrick, Oak.	28	271	9.7	21	0
Alexander, Charles, Cin.	28	262	9.4	t65	1
Rucker, Reggie, Clev.	27	532	19.7	49	1
Holston, Michael, Hou.	27	427	15.8	t50	2
Doornink, Dan, Sea.	27	350	13.0	t80	4
White, Charles, Clev.	27	219	8.1	21	0
King, Kenny, Oak.	27	216	8.0	30	0
Chandler, Bob, Oak.	26	458	17.6	45	4
Moore, Nat, Mia.	26	452	17.4	52	2
Collins, Anthony, N.E.	26	232	8.9	22	0
Dierking, Scott, N.Y.J.	26	228	8.8	23	1
Parros, Rick, Den.	25	216	8.6	26	1
Rose, Joe, Mia.	23	316	13.7	50	2
Hadnot, James, K.C.	23	215	9.3	20	0
Whittington, Authur, Oak.	23	213	9.3	22	2
Bradshaw, Morris, Oak.	22	298	13.5	t29	3
Sievers, Eric, S.D.	22	276	12.5	32	3
Delaney, Joe, K.C.	22	246	11.2	61	0
McCall, Reese, Balt.	21	314	15.0	t65	2
Sawyer, John, Sea.	21	272	13.0	30	0
Jones, Johnny, N.Y.J.	20	342	17.1	t47	3
Griffin, Archie, Cin.	20	160	8.0	17	1
Scales, Dwight, S.D.	19	429	22.6	t60	1
Coleman, Ronnie, Hou.	19	211	11.1	24	0
Pollard, Frank, Pitt.	19	156	8.2	26	0
McNeil, Freeman, N.Y.J.	18	171	9.5	18	1
Augustyniak, Mike, N.Y.J.	18	144	8.0	15	0
Egloff, Ron, Den.	17	231	13.6	40	1
Rome, Stan, K.C.	17	203	11.9	23	1
Dixon, Zachary, Balt.	17	169	9.9	41	1
Hill, Calvin, Clev.	17	150	8.8	23	2
Newton, Tom, N.Y.J.	17	104	6.1	13	0
Jones, Bobby, N.Y.J.	16	239	14.9	t36	1
Miller, Cleo, Clev.	16	139	8.7	17	0
Moses, Haven, Den.	15	246	16.4	30	1
Jessie, Ron, Buff.	15	200	13.3	44	0
Hardy, Bruce, Mia.	15	174	11.6	21	0
Gaffney, Derrick, N.Y.J.	14	246	17.6	39	0
Lee, Ronnie, Mia.	14	64	4.6	11	1
Barber, Mike, Hou.	13	190	14.6	35	1
Harris, M.L., Cin.	13	181	13.9	42	2
Chester, Raymond, Oak.	13	93	7.2	15	1
Long, Kevin, N.Y.J.	13	66	5.1	18	3
Tatupo, Mosi, N.E.	12	132	11.0	41	1
Williams, Clarence, S.D.	12	108	9.0	15	1
Cunningham, Sam, N.E.	12	92	7.7	12	0
Hill, Eddie, Mia.	12	73	6.1	16	1
Burke, Randy, Balt.	10	153	15.3	24	0
Hooks, Roland, Buff.	10	140	14.0	37	2
Cappelletti, John, S.D.	10	126	12.6	25	1
Hawkins, Frank, Oak.	10	109	10.9	35	0

TOP 25 PASS RECEIVERS BY YARDS

	Yds	No	Avg	Long	TD
Lewis, Frank, Buff.	1244	70	17.8	33	4
Watson, Steve, Den.	1244	60	20.7	t95	13
Largent, Steve, Sea.	1224	75	16.3	t57	9
Joiner, Charlie, S.D.	1188	70	17.0	57	7
Chandler, Wes, N.O.-S.D.	1142	69	16.6	t51	6
Stallworth, John, Pitt.	1098	63	17.4	55	5
Winslow, Kellen, S.D.	1075	88	12.2	t67	10
Morgan, Stanley, N.E.	1029	44	23.4	t76	6
Collinsworth, Cris, Cin.	1099	67	15.1	t74	8
Newsome, Ozzie, Clev.	1002	69	14.5	62	6
Harris, Duriel, Mia.	911	53	17.2	55	2
Smith, J.T., K.C.	852	63	13.5	42	2
Butler, Jerry, Buff.	842	55	15.3	t67	8
Butler, Ray, Balt.	832	46	18.1	t67	9
Hasselbeck, Don, N.E.	808	46	17.6	51	6
Walker, Wesley, N.Y.J.	770	47	16.4	49	9
Ramsey, Derrick, Oak.	674	52	13.0	t66	4
Jackson, Harold, N.E.	669	39	17.2	45	0
Burrough, Ken, Hou.	668	40	16.7	t71	7
Feacher, Ricky, Clev.	654	29	22.6	48	3
Pruitt, Greg, Clev.	636	65	9.8	33	4
Branch, Cliff, Oak.	635	41	15.5	53	1
Cefalo, Jimmy, Mia.	631	29	21.8	t69	3
Marshall, Henry, K.C.	620	38	16.3	t64	4
Curtis, Isaac, Cin.	609	37	16.5	68	2

AFC PUNT RETURNS

RECORDS
Number: 58, J.T. Smith, Kansas City (1979)
Yards: 655, Neal Colzie, Oakland (1975)
Longest for TD: 95 yards,
Les Duncan, San Diego (1968)

2 OR MORE RETURNS

	No	FC	Yards	Avg	Long	TD
Brooks, James, S.D.	22	6	290	13.2	42	0
Johns, Paul, Sea.	16	4	177	11.1	34	0
Smith, J.T., K.C.	50	7	528	10.6	62	0
Vigorito, Tommy, Mia.	36	12	379	10.5	t87	1
Anderson, Larry, Pitt.	20	8	208	10.4	33	0
Manning, Wade, Den.	41	4	378	9.2	39	0
Hooks, Roland, Buff.	17	2	142	8.4	25	0
Watts, Ted, Oak.	35	13	284	8.1	t52	1
Fuller, Mike, Cin.	23	13	177	7.7	34	0
Roaches, Carl, Hou.	39	4	296	7.6	40	0
Harper, Bruce, N.Y.J.	35	9	265	7.6	46	0
Hall, Dino, Clev.	33	6	248	7.5	40	0
Montgomery, Cleotha, Clev.	17	0	121	7.1	17	0
Smith, Jim, Pitt.	30	1	204	6.8	28	0
NON-QUALIFIERS						
Morgan, Stanley, N.E.	15	4	116	7.7	26	0
Lewis, Will, Sea.	15	2	100	6.7	23	0
Matthews, Ira, Oak.	15	2	92	6.1	26	0
Sohn, Kurt, N.Y.J.	13	3	66	5.1	14	0
Shula, Dave, Balt.	10	7	50	5.0	11	0
Upchurch, Rick, Den.	9	1	63	7.0	15	0
Piccone, Lou, Buff.	9	2	57	6.3	13	0
James, Roland, N.E.	7	2	56	8.0	18	0
Haynes, Mike, N.E.	6	1	12	2.0	6	0
Chandler, Wes, S.D.	5	3	79	15.8	30	0
Walker, Fulton, Mia.	5	1	50	10.0	17	0
Franklin, Byron, Buff.	5	3	45	9.0	15	0
Simmons, John, Cin.	5	6	24	4.8	11	0
Riddick, Robb, Buff.	4	0	48	12.0	22	0
Collins, Anthony, N.E.	3	0	15	5.0	15	0
Tullis, Willie, Hou.	2	0	29	14.5	16	0
Blackwood, Glenn, Mia.	2	2	8	4.0	6	0
Anderson, Kim, Balt.	2	0	6	3.0	6	0
Whittington, Arthur, Oak.	2	1	4	2.0	4	0

AFC KICKOFF RETURNS

RECORDS
Number: 55, Bruce Harper,
New York (1978, 1979)
55, David Turner, Cincinnati (1979)
Yards: 1,317, Bobby Jancik, Houston (1963)
Longest: 106 yards, Noland Smith,
Kansas City (1967)
TD's: 3, Ray Clayborn, New England (1977)

6 or more returns	No	Yards	Avg	Long	TD
Roaches, Carl, Hou.	28	769	27.5	t96	1
Walker, Fulton, Mia.	38	932	24.5	t90	1
Tullis, Willie, Hou.	32	779	24.3	t95	1
Verser, David, Cin.	29	691	23.8	78	0
Brooks, James, S.D.	40	949	23.7	47	0
Murphy, James, K.C.	20	457	22.9	46	0
Hall, Dino, Clev.	36	813	22.6	48	0
Whittington, Arthur, Oak.	25	563	22.5	47	0
Montomery, Cleotis, Clev-Oak.	17	382	22.5	38	0
Anderson, Larry, Pitt.	37	825	22.3	35	0
Harper, Bruce, N.Y.J.	23	480	20.9	42	0
Franklin, Byron, Buff.	21	436	20.8	33	0

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Williams, Kevin, Balt	20	399	20.0	35	0
Collins, Anthony, N.E	39	773	19.8	30	0
Manning, Wade, Den	26	514	19.8	31	0
Anderson, Kim, Balt	20	393	19.7	30	0
Lewis, Will, Sea	20	378	18.9	36	0
Ivory, Horace, N.E.-Sea (Non-Qualifiers)	16	300	18.8	32	0
Willis, Chester, Oak	15	309	20.6	43	0
Barnwell, Malcolm, Oak	15	265	17.7	26	0
Riddick, Robb, Buff	14	257	18.4	25	0
Johnson, Greggory, Sea	13	235	18.1	25	0
White, Charles, Clev	12	243	20.3	32	0
Hooks, Roland, Buff	11	215	19.5	36	0
Harden, Mike, Den	11	178	16.2	23	0
Carson, Carlos, K.C	10	227	22.7	48	0
Lane, Eric, Sea	10	208	20.8	27	0
Toler, Ken, N.E	9	148	16.4	32	0
Chapman, Clarence, Cin	8	171	21.4	29	0
Chandler, Wes, S.D	8	125	15.6	30	0
Matthews, Ira, Oak	7	144	20.6	39	0
Brown, Curtis, Buff	7	140	20.0	30	0
Hawthorne, Greg, Pitt	7	138	19.7	30	0
Bessillieu, Don, Mia	7	114	16.3	30	0
Griffin, Archie, Cin	6	119	19.8	28	0
Bledsoe, Curtis, K.C	6	117	19.5	26	0
Shaw, Pete, S.D	6	103	17.2	24	0

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Kansas City	26	406	15.6	t46	1
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San Diego	23	224	9.7	39	1
New York Jets	21	432	20.6	67	2
Seattle	21	397	18.9	t82	3
Buffalo	19	352	18.5	53	0
Cincinnati	19	318	16.7	t102	1
Houston	18	330	18.3	38	0
Miami	18	254	14.1	39	0
Baltimore	16	210	13.1	49	0
New England	16	195	12.2	49	0
Cleveland	15	165	11.0	45	0
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Harris, Eric, K.C	7	109	15.6	43	0
Blount, Mel, Pitt	6	106	17.7	t50	1
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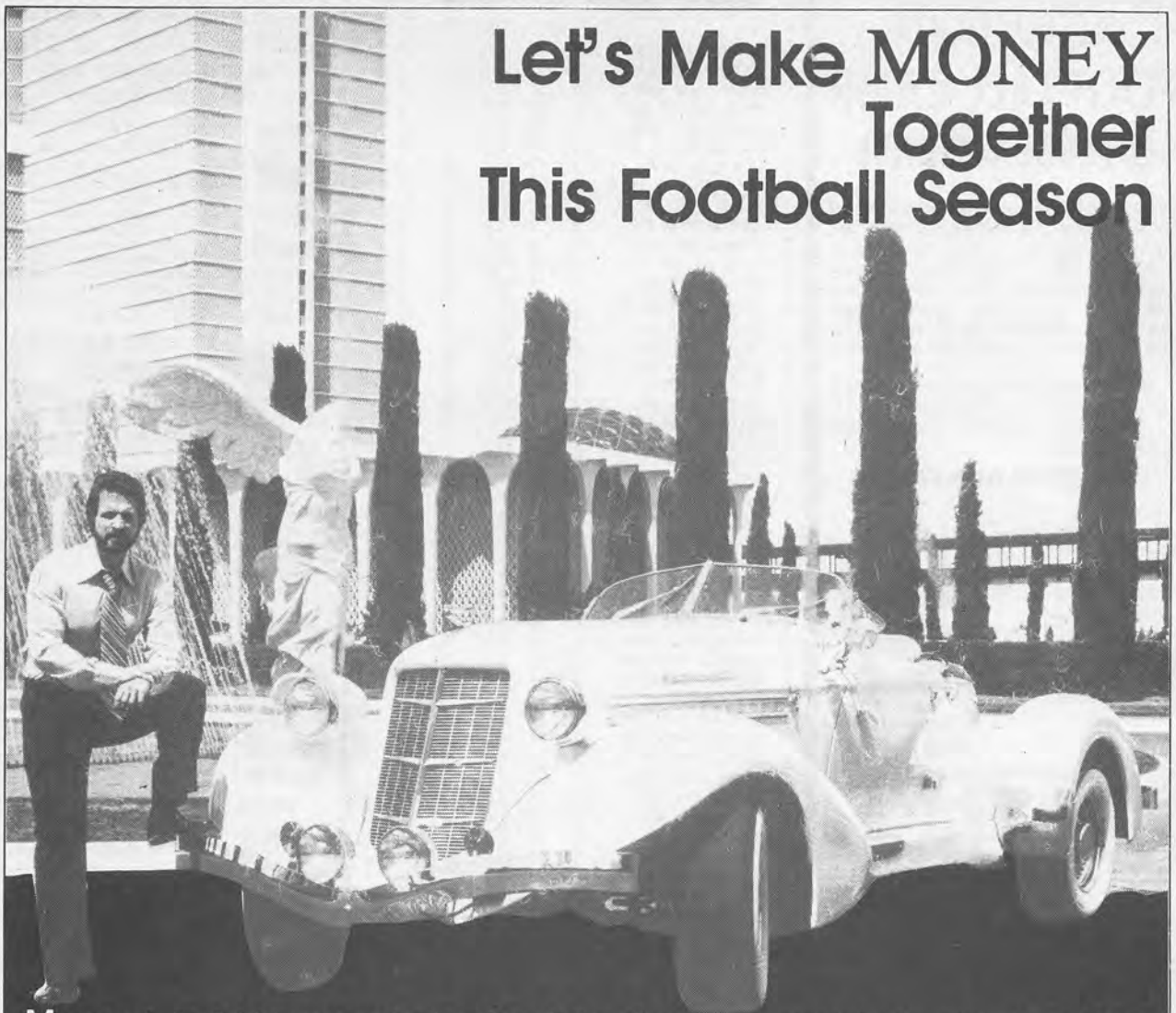

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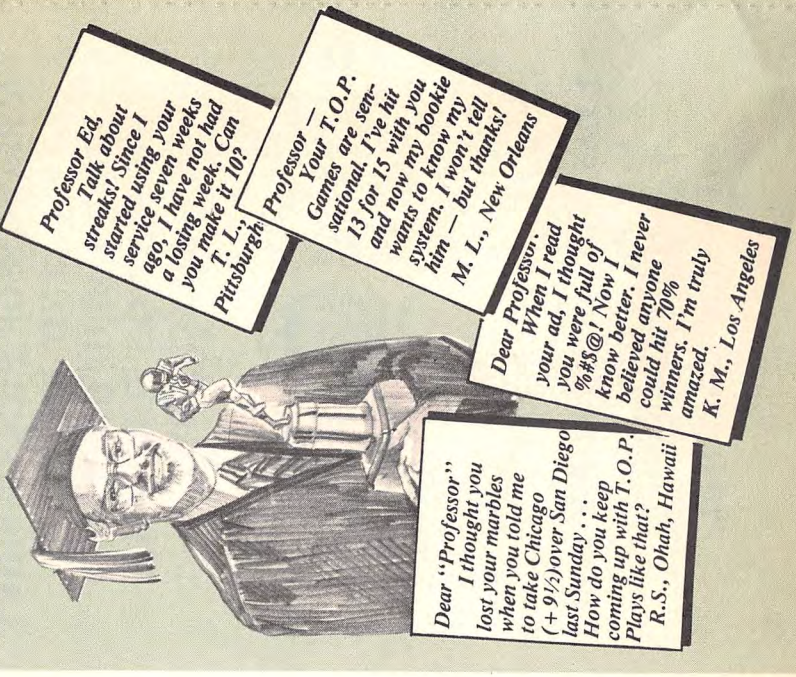

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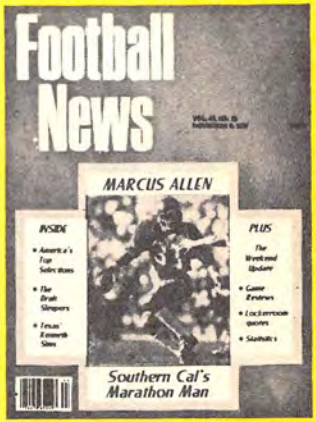

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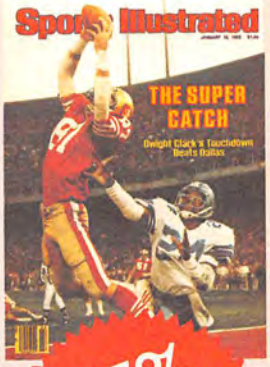

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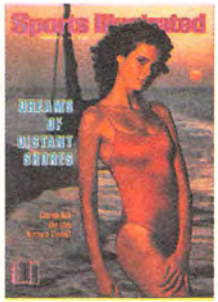

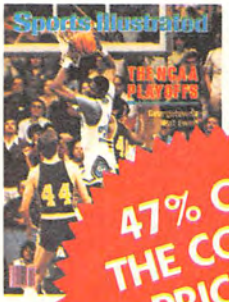

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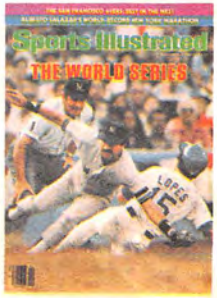

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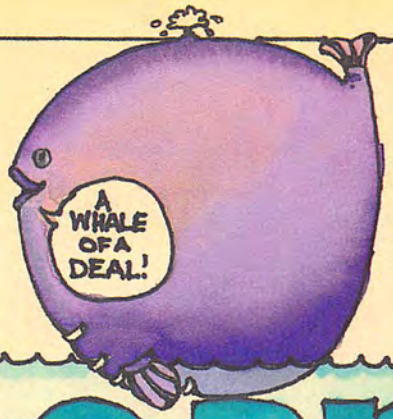

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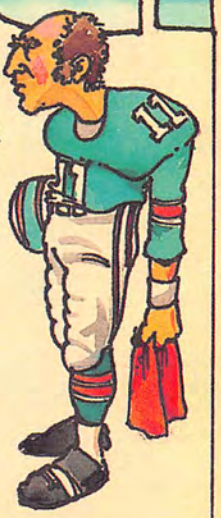

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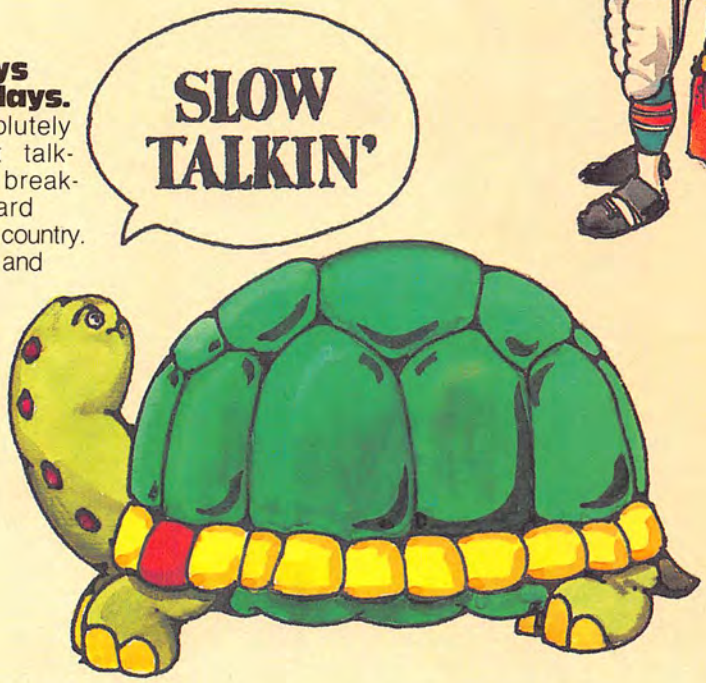

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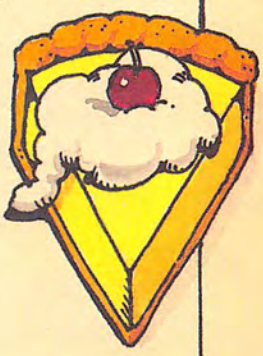

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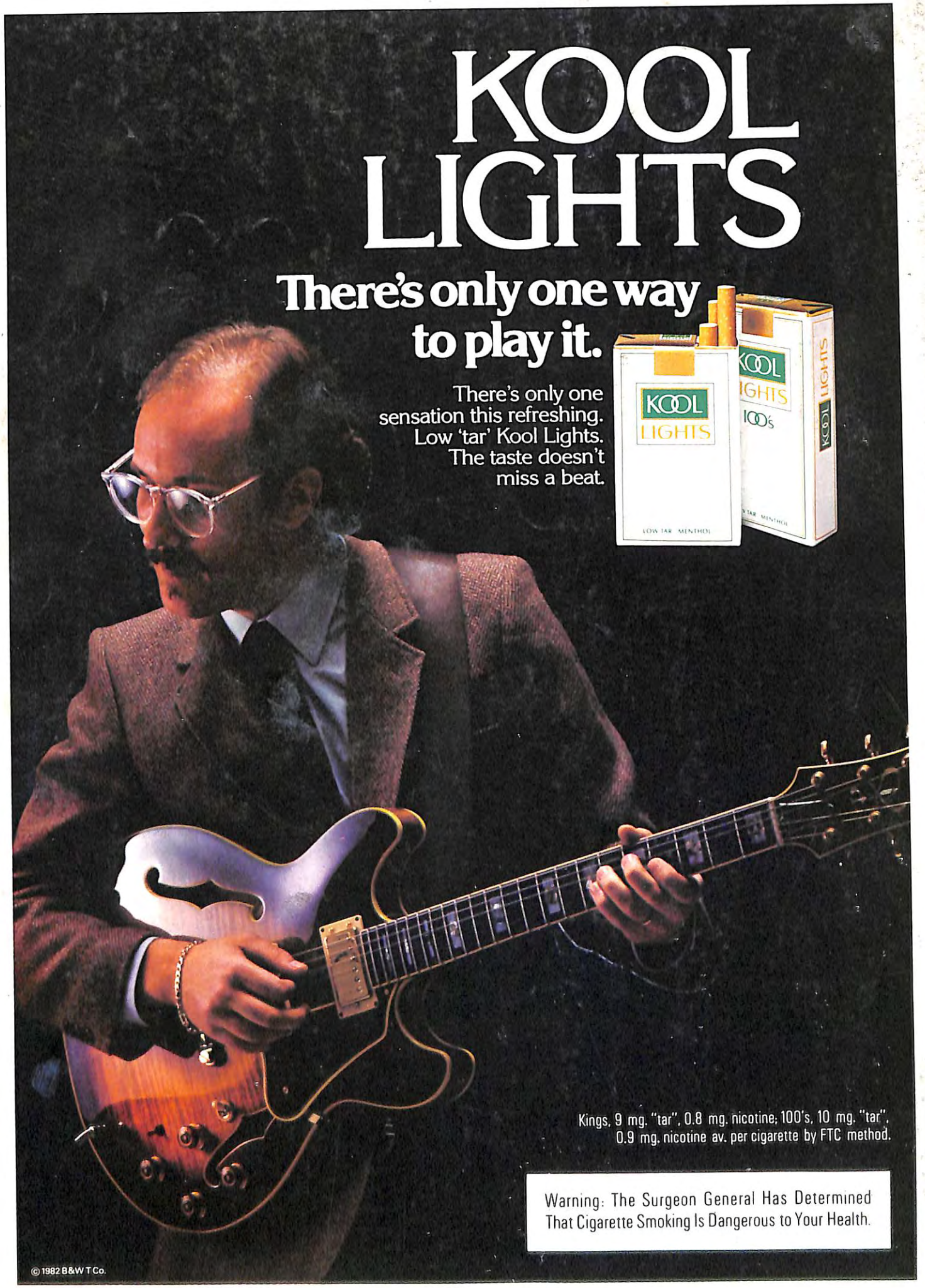
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